SUMMARY

Presbyteries	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions																
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	6	5	1	2	114	1	76	.....	77	45	96	15	11	1	5	.....	5	1	4	5	4	1150	122	154
Iowa	9	10	39	30	54	59	725	16	452	115	1672	469	746	668	474	167	156	.....	202	293	153	87	981	6093	6012	1817
Kansas	17	18	84	62	139	122	1609	79	1669	235	1939	945	957	700	1055	327	274	.....	1984	619	541	.....	200	8129	11606	2907
Pittsburgh	26	41	115	72	109	161	2086	49	2677	635	2782	1271	1673	929	1391	380	589	180	5410	1646	459	262	152	19261	17612	5399
Ohio	13	14	53	31	31	49	823	6	700	197	817	556	371	210	193	67	100	.....	375	241	164	35	31	7512	2791	1346
Colorado	8	12	29	29	60	37	545	22	547	231	353	621	262	67	32	28	22	.....	2558	144	110	35	38	5321	4129	1372
Philadelphia	3	4	16	9	24	30	518	14	352	115	2091	1675	1240	157	174	107	101	.....	6751	359	115	22	42	5400	7765	2599
Rochester	5	6	18	11	9	6	285	7	252	73	350	192	161	40	93	59	57	.....	109	61	113	20	31	2932	1359	5647
New York	19	19	77	72	84	44	1590	44	1251	160	2889	837	595	473	378	178	175	4	2538	401	276	61	85	16454	12477	37821
Illinois	9	11	37	36	41	59	750	16	713	138	567	214	290	233	170	133	50	.....	3959	216	169	21	32	4633	3648	14335
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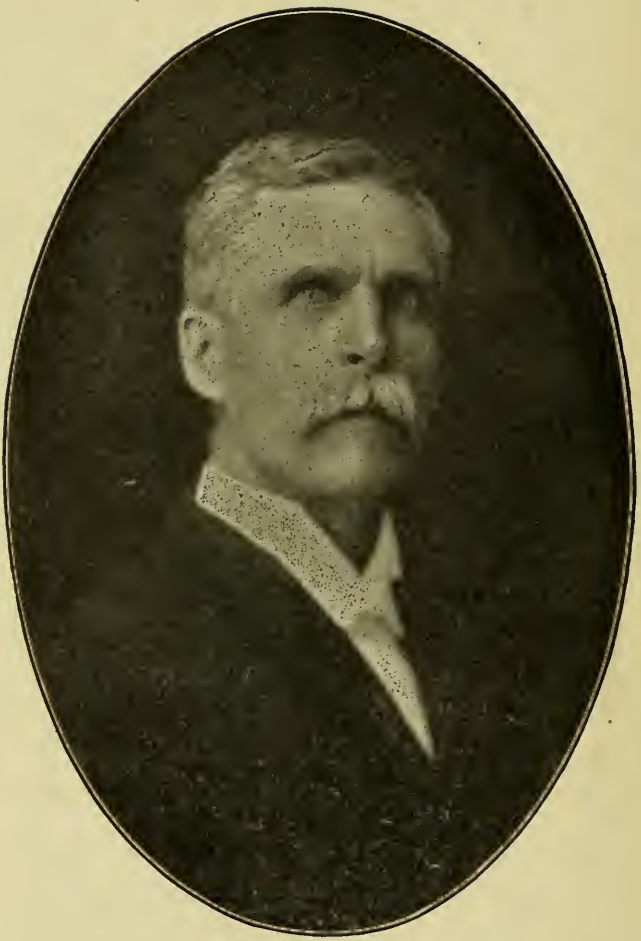

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NORTH AMERICA

May 25, 1910

Westminster Chapel, Winona Lake, Indiana,
May 25, 1910, 7 P. M.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met in pro re nata session at Winona Lake, Indiana, May 25, 1910, at 7 P. M., at the call of the Moderator, T. H Acheson, and was by him constituted with prayer.

The roll was called.

The Moderator stated that this meeting was called to change the time of the regular meeting of the Synod from Wednesday, June 1, 1910, at 8 P. M., to Wednesday, May 25, 1910, at 8 P. M. The action of the Moderator in calling this meeting was sustained, and the time of the regular meeting was changed, as indicated in the call.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet this evening at 8 P. M., in Westminster Chapel, Winona Lake, Indiana. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by F. M. Foster.

T. H. ACHESON, Moderator.
J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

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NORTH AMERICA

SESSION LXXXI.

Westminster Chapel, Winona Lake, Indiana,
May 25, 1910, 8 P. M.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in Westminster Chapel, Winona Lake, Indiana, May 25, 1910, at 8 P. M., and after devotional exercises its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, T. H. Acheson, from I. Cor. 9:27, last clause, "Lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

After the sermon the Moderator constituted the court with prayer.

The roll was called, and being completed, is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Denver	J. C. French	
Greeley	J. Milligan Wylie	
La Junta	*E. A. Crooks	
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	
Seattle		D. D. Mearns.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Old Bethel	D. C. Mathews	J. R. Finley.
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	W. J. Smith.
Bethel		*J. E. Wilson.
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	Robert Lunney.
Bloomington	Geo. R. Steele	J. H. Curry.
Princeton		S. R. Davis.
Church Hill	*W. S. Fulton	*J. W. Moore.
Selma	S. F. Kingston	Walter Bell.
	G. W. Benn	

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Hopkinton	S. Turner Foster	B. M. Ferguson.
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Richard Elliott.
Rehoboth	G. A. Edgar	J. B. Dodds.
Sharon	*J. S. McGaw	J. P. Baird.
Vernon		E. I. Dewey.
Washington	S. E. Greer	Wilson Daugherty.
	Robert Clarke	
	*J. A. Black	
	W. M. Robb	

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah	J. T. Mitchell	Adam Wilkinshaw.
Billings	H. G. Foster	J. W. Young.
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers S. S.	D. L. Threewit.
Clarinda		Edmund Dunn.
Denison	D. H. Elliott	A. M. Shaw.
Eskridge	**W. A. Aikin	*W. F. Young.
Hebron		J. G. Stevenson.
Kansas City	**Elmer Russell	R. J. Cathcart.
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	David McKnight.
Olathe	E. L. McKnight	G. R. Miller.
Quinter	J. G. McElhinney	J. C. Sterrett.
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds	W. A. Snair.
Superior		W. J. Elliott.
Tabor	**Owen F. Thompson	T. K. Tippin.
Topeka	A. A. Samson	S. G. Thompson.
Winchester	F. M. Wilson	D. R. Sterrett.
	D. H. Coulter	
	G. R. McBurney	
	*James McCune	
	Isaiah Faris	
	W. T. K. Thompson	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	
St. John	**D. B. Elsey	

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Barnet	D. C. Faris	
First Boston	S. McNaugher, Jr.	J. S. Arthur.
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	
Bovina	W. G. Robb	A. T. Russell.
Brooklyn		Evan Jones.
Cambridge	R. C. Reed	
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	
Montclair		John W. Pritchard.
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	
Third New York	F. M. Foster	*A. D. McNeill.
Walton		John T. Doig.
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	
	Julius Kempf	

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Belle Center	S. R. Wallace	J. G. McConnell.
Bellefountain	J. M. Faris	Samuel W. McLean.
Cedar Lake		J. C. Lewis.
Cedarville	*W. J. Sanderson	W. R. Sterrett.
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	*J. E. Huheey.
Fairgrove	W. J. McBurney	Knox M. Young.
Hetherton	*E. G. Elsey	R. C. Campbell.
Jonathan's Creek	R. W. Piper	A. R. McFarland.
New Concord	John Coleman	Jesse Wilson.
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	A. M. Cannon.
United Miami	R. Hargrave	*T. C. Speer.
Utica	J. G. Reed	W. A. Hervey.
	C. M. Smith	
	R. A. Blair	

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	D. S. Anderson.
Bear Run & Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	
First Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	William Pearce.
Brookland		A. J. Swank.
Central Allegheny		George Gunn.
Clarksburg		Robert Henry.
College Hill	R. H. Martin	R. M. Downie.
Geneva	J. C. Slater	John Taggart.
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	R. G. Young.
McKeesport & Mong'la		John Parkhill.
Mercer	*J. M. Coleman	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	J. M. Wallace.
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	J. M. Brown.
New Castle	S. J. Johnston	M. W. Leslie.
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	

Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	O. S. Grove.
Union	A. Kilpatrick	R. M. Dean.
Parnassus		M. R. Mehaffy.
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	S. McNaugher, Sr.
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	George Martin.
Wilkinsburg	R. J. G. McKnight	William Esler.
Youngstown	A. A. Wylie	W. J. Marshall.
	*J. F. Crozier	
	C. A. Dodds	
	J. C. K. Faris	
	H. H. George	
	*W. Henry George	
	W. P. Johnston	
	J. S. Martin	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	W. J. McKnight	
	B. M. Sharp	
	T. C. Sproull	
	J. S. Stewart	
	D. B. Wilson	
	R. C. Wylie	

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	
Second Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	J. R. Dill.
Third Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	T. H. McCandless.

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte	G. M. Robb	T. J. Bowes.
Lisbon	**Walter McClurkin.	
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	
Syracuse	John Yates	James Park.
York	J. B. Gilmore	Henry Hogg.
	Willam McFarland...	

Ministers Absent: R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, W. C. Allen, J. M. Armour, I. A. Blackwood, P. P. Boyd, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. J. Dodds, J. W. Dill, Samuel Edgar, D. S. Faris, E. J. Feuersohn, R. J. George, W. M. George, George Kennedy, J. M. Littlejohn, D. C. Martin, Louis Meyer, E. C. Mitchell, Walter McCarroll, J. L. McCartney, T. A. McElwain, A. J. McFarland, Jr., R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillan, W. C. Paden, J. L. Pinkerton, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, T. A. Rusk, T. M. Slater, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. R. Thompson, J. T. Wilson, R. E. Wilson, J. Ralston Wylie. —36.

Congregations Not Represented: Barnesville, Chicago, Content, Craftsburry, East End, Evans, Hickory Grove, Holmwood, Lake

Reno, Londonderry, First Newburg, Second Newburg, North Union, Oakland, Reygate, Staunton, Wahoo.—17.

*Not present at constitution of the court.

**Ordained since last meeting of Synod.

James S. Stewart was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote. J. S. Thompson was re-elected Clerk, and C. McLeod Smith was re-elected Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 8:00 p. m.—Sermon by the retiring Moderator and Constitution of the Court.

THURSDAY, May 26, 9:00 a. m.—Election of officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business; Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises; Reports of Boards, Church Erection, Sustentation, of Executive Committee of National Reform Association and of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

2:00 p. m.—Reports of Board of Foreign Missions, of Central Board, of Board of Jewish Missions, of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, of Control.

8:00 p. m.—Conference on New Version of Psalms.

FRIDAY, May 27, 9:00 a. m.—Reports of Committees on Psalmody, Temperance, Evangelistic Work, Report of Stated Clerk, Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, of the Trustees of Geneva College, of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, and of the Mission Conference.

2:00 p. m.—Reports of Presbyteries, of Committees on Sabbath Schools, Young Peoples' Societies, Systematic Beneficence and the Sabbath.

8:00 p. m.—Conference on Foreign Missions.

SATURDAY, May 28, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Committees on National Reform, Testimony Bearing and State of Religion.

SABBATH, May 29, 11 a. m.—Explanation of Psalm by Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D., and sermon by the Rev. M. M. Pearce.

3:00 p. m.—Meeting of Missionaries.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wylie, D. D., LL. D.

MONDAY, May 30, 9:00 a. m.—Reports of Committees on Signs of the Times, Secret Societies, Records of Presbyteries and Discipline.

2:00 p. m.—Reports of Committees on Traveling Fund, on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Theological Seminary and Education.

8:00 p. m.—Conference on The World's Conference.

TUESDAY, May 31, 9:00 a. m.—Reports of Committees on Church Erection, Finance, Supplies, Foreign Correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. MARTIN,
S. G. CONNER,
F. M. WILSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises would present the following recommendations:

1. That the first half hour of each forenoon be set apart for worship.

2. That the following be the list of topics with Scripture passages for meditation and prayer:

Thursday—Fasting and Prayer in view of the divided condition of our church. Hosea 5:15, James 4:8-10. Leader, J. S. Stuart.

Friday—Prayer that the spirit of Christ may prevail in our church over suspicion, strife and personal ambition. Romans 14:10-13, James 3:13-18, Mark 10:35-45. Leader, W. M. Robb.

Saturday—Prayer for the spirit of unity in our church because of our common brotherhood in Christ. Matt. 23:8, I. Cor. 1:10-13, Luke 9:49-50. Leader, J. A. Kempf.

Monday—Prayer that the decisions and plans of this synod shall be in harmony with the mind of the spirit. Acts 15:2-6-28-30-31. Leader, C. A. Dodds.

Tuesday—Prayer for the manifest blessing of God upon all the work of our church throughout the coming year. Psalm 90:17. Leader, R. A. Blair.

3. That most of the time be spent in prayer and praise.

ROBERT CLARKE,
M. G. EUWER,
A. P. DONAHUE,
J. C. SLATER,
A. A. WYLIE,
Committee.

R. A. M. Steele, S. A. S. Metheny and T. C. Sproull were elected precentors for this Synod.

It was ordered that 300 copies of the reports on Order of Business and Devotional Exercises be printed for the use of members of the Synod.

Presbyteries were granted permission to hold meetings during the sessions of the Synod.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8:30 A. M.-12 M., and 1:30-3:30 P. M.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30. Prayer by H. H. George.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 26, 8:30 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: Walter Bell, D. O. Jack, S. F Kingston, W. J. McBurney and S. G. Shaw.

One-half hour was spent in worship, led by James S. Stewart.

The minutes of the Pro Re Nata session, and of the regular session of yesterday evening were read and corrected.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. The Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT REVISION OF PSALMS.

The Committee on the Uniform Revision of the Psalms in Meter respectfully report that a meeting of the Joint Committee was held in Allegheny, Pa., September 21, 1909, and that four of the nine denominations represented in the Joint Revision had delegates present.

As was anticipated in our last report, the version prepared by the United Presbyterian Committee and those associated with it was taken up and, after a few changes and additions were made, it was submitted by the Joint Committee to the churches.

On account of the frequent and what we regard as needless de-

partures from the text of the inspired Word found in this version, your representatives voted against submitting it to the churches. We held to the position that, allowing for the difficulties of rhythm, rhyme and verse formation, a version of the Psalms in meter should be as faithful to the text as a version in prose.

We regret most sincerely that the Joint Committee has submitted to the churches a version of the Psalms which we cannot accept. This action puts an end for the present, to all our hopes for a uniform version.

In accord with the action of the Synod taken some years ago, Mr. J. S. Tibby sent a copy of this version to every minister of the Church that each one might have it before him for examination.

This report, we understand, will be our last as the Joint Committee does not expect to meet again.

We recommend that the use of the version of the Psalms submitted by the Joint Committee be not authorized in the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

W. J. COLEMAN,
T. P. STEVENSON,
Committee.

The Synod by a unanimous rising vote expressed its high appreciation of the diligence and fidelity with which the Committee discharged the duties with which it was charged. The Committee was discharged.

Item 2. The Committee on Selection of Psalms for new edition of the Psalter reported. The report was laid on the table until after the Conference of this evening.

Item 3. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 4. Attended to.

Item 5. Attended to.

Item 6. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 7. Attended to.

Item 8. Attended to.

Item 9. Rev. Louis Meyer was appointed alternate to attend the Conference.

Item 10. Action taken will appear in report of Central Board of Missions.

Item 11. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 12. The delegates reported that they had attended

the Ninth Council of the Reformed Churches, where they were accorded the most courteous treatment.

Item 13. Attended to.

Item 14. Attended to.

Item 15. The report of the Clerk on the printing of the Minutes of the Synod, noting the needed corrections to the printed Minutes, was read, corrected, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1909.

Following your instructions 1000 copies of the Minutes of the Synod of 1909 were printed and placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale. The financial item in connection with this will appear in the report of the Treasurer.

The following corrections should be made to the Minutes as published:

Page 46, following the recorded vote insert, "J. C. McFeeters gave notice of dissent from this action of Synod, on behalf of himself and all who might join with him. T. P. Stevenson and J. S. Martin were appointed to prepare an answer to the reasons of dissent."

Page 58, line 1, read "providence" for "province."

Page 75, Collection for third Sabbath of July read, "Aged Peoples' Home" instead of "Theological Seminary."

Page 75, appropriation to Los Angeles, read "$650" instead of "$825."

Page 84, line 6, read "Clarinda, Iowa," instead of "Clarinda, Pa."

Page 115 and 116, items 2 and 3 of the reports of the Committee on Discipline, laid on the table until next meeting of Synod, should not appear on the Minutes.

J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Item 16. The Treasurer of the Literary Fund reported on the printing and sale of the Minutes of the Synod of 1909. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

PRINTING AND SALE OF MINUTES OF 1909.

The Treasurer of the Literary Fund would report that there were one thousand copies of 1909 Minutes printed by the Tribune Printing Company, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Copies sold at 35 cents each	862	$301.70
Copies free	26	

Copies to replace	4	
	892	
Printing Minutes	$229.50	
Postage and Expressage	28.55	
Envelopes	3.00	$261.05
Balance		$ 40.65

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

Item 17. Attended to.

Item 18. Attended to.

Item 19. Laid on the table until Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College shall report.

Item 20. Item two of the report of the Committe of Discipline of last year, laid on the table until this year, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of R. Hargrave, J. C. McFeeters, C. A. Dodds, J. Milligan Wylie, J. C. Slater and T. H. Acheson, to report during this meeting of Synod.

Item 21. Laid on the table until Saturday morning.

Item 22. Attended to.

Item 23. Attended to.

Item 24. Attended to. The financial item was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 25. The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported that arrangements had been made for a Conference on the work of the Committee on selection of meters for a new edition of the Psalter to take the place of the Conference on Testimony Bearing.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

F. M. Foster presented a resolution relating to the use of the individual cup in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was referred to a special Committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

The retiring Moderator was requested to furnish a copy of his sermon of yesterday evening for publication in the periodicals of the Church.

M. M. Pearce was chosen the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of the next meeting of Synod.

The Board of Church Erection reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection, and to the Committee on Finance.

The following papers were read and referred:

No. 1 Memorial from the Session of the Allegheny Congregation, relative to the annual appropriation to the National Reform Association. Referred to a special Committee to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

No. 2. Memorial from the Session of the College Hill Congregation, relating to the same subject. Same reference.

No. 3. Memorial from the Session of the Parnassus Congregation, relating to the same subject. Same reference.

No. 4. Memorial from the Session of the Pittsburg Congregation, relating to the same subject. Same reference.

No. 5. Memorial from the Session of the Slippery Rock Congregation, relating to the same subject. Same reference

No. 6. Complaint and appeal of J. F. Crozier against the Pittsburg Presbytery. Referred, without reading, to the Committee on Discipline.

Synod took recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by S. J. Crowe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 26, 1:30 P. M. The Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by C. McLeod Smith. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: E. I. Dewey, Robert Clarke, R. J. Cathcart and J. S. McGaw.

The minutes of the morning session were read and corrected.

The credentials of the Rev. C. DeLeeuw, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, were read. The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. DeLeeuw, and ten o'clock to-morrow morning was fixed as the time for hearing him.

D. R. Sterrett was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod on account of the death of his mother.

The Clerk of the Pittsburg Presbytery announced the death of J. W. Sproull, which took place January 7, 1910. The Committee on Nominations was instructed to name a Committee to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Dr. Sproull.

The following papers were received, and referred.

No. 7. The report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 8. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Board. Referred without reading to the Committee on Finance.

8. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Temporary Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. Referred without reading to the Committee on Finance.

10. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Temporary Treasurer of Church Erection Board. Referred without reading to the Committee on Finance.

No. 11. Report of Audit of the Report of Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, Walter T. Miller. Referred without reading to the Committee on Finance.

A paper was read by R. J. G. McKnight, as a matter of personal privilege, relating to a certain action of the Iowa Presbytery affecting the writer, in which he asked that Synod name a Special Committee to examine the records of the Iowa Presbytery in regard to the matter. The request was granted, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to name the Committee.

At this point the Moderator announced the names of the Committee on Nominations.

The Board of Sustentation reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The Executive Committee of the National Reform Association reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on National Reform and the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance.

A. A. Samson introduced a resolution relating to the tenure of office of the members of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Central Board of Missions reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The following were appointed the official reporters of Synod: D. C. Mathews, D. H. Elliott, S. G. Shaw, G. W. Benn and S. Turner Foster.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30. Prayer by D. B. Wilson.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday, May 27, 8:30 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by J. Boggs Dodds. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: R. C. Campbell, D. H. Coulter, W. A. Hervey, J. W. Marshall.

The Synod spent one-half hour in worship, led by W. M. Robb.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and corrected.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

COMMITTEES

Nominations. T. H. Acheson, G. M. Robb, C. A. Dodds, D. S. Anderson, George Martin.

Traveling Fund. J. H. Pritchard and the Financial Agents of the Presbyteries.

Discipline. Isaiah Faris, George A. Edgar, S. G. Conner, George Gunn, A. J. Swank.

Supplies. E. A. Crooks, J. C. Slater, S. G. Shaw, J. E. Wilson, J. S. Arthur.

Finance. F. M. Wilson, Robert Clarke, R. C. Reed, Wm. Esler, Wilson Daugherty.

National Reform. M. M. Pearce, Thomas Patton, J. B. Gilmore, T. H. McCandless, M. W. Leslie.

Theological Seminary and Geneva College. A. A. Samson, R. Hargrave, R. J. Gault, A. D. McNeill, J. E. Huheey.

Sustentation and Church Erection. J. M. Foster, J. G. Reed, S. J. Johnston, J. B. Dodds, J. G. McConnell.

Foreign Correspondence. J. M. Coleman, J. R. Latimer, W. T. K. Thompson, W. J. Smith, D. D. Mearns.

Foreign Missions. W. W. Carithers, C. D. Trumbull, A. A. Wylie, W. R. Sterrett, Wm. Pearce.

Home Missions. R. C. Montgomery, J. T. Mitchell, J. R. Wylie, R. J. Cathcart, J. R. Dill.

Place of Meeting. R. J. G. McKnight, S. J. Crowe, J. Milligan Wylie, Edwin Dunn, W. A. Hervey.

On Presbyterial Records

Colorado Presbytery. W. J. Sanderson, D. C. Faris, A. T. Russell.

Illinois Presbytery. J. C. French, Julius Kempf, G. R. Miller.

Iowa Presbytery. S. R. Wallace, John Coleman, J. H. Curry.

Kansas Presbytery W. G. Robb, R. W. Piper, A. M. Cannon.

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery. J. M. Johnston, S. E. Greer, J. W. Moore.

New York Presbytery. J. G. McElhinney, S. Turner Foster, S. R. Davis.

Ohio Presbytery. M. A. Gault, Owen F. Thompson, J. W. Young.

Philadelphia Presbytery. H. G. Patterson, S. F. Kingston, J. M. Wallace.

Pittsburg Presbytery. J. Boggs Dodds, D. O. Jack, Jesse Wilson.

Rochester Presbytery. D. H. Elliott, G. R. McBurney, J. P. Baird.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report.

The action of yesterday in referring the resolution relative to the tenure of office of members of the Board of Foreign Missions to the Committee on Foreign Missions was reconsidered, and the resolution was made to apply to all the Boards and Permanent Committees in which the term of office is not limited, and the resolution was referred to a Special Committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

The order of the day having arrived, the Rev. C. DeLeeuw, of the Christian Reformed Church, addressed the Synod. The Moderator responded on behalf of the Synod.

The Synod by a unanimous vote expressed its appreciation of the fraternal address of the delegate. J. M. Coleman was appointed fraternal delegate to represent this Synod at the

approaching meeting of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church at Muskegon, Michigan.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. C. A. Taylor, of Westminster College, Denver, Col., and he was invited to address the Synod immediately after roll call this afternoon.

The following papers were read and referred:

No. 12. Memorial from the Session of the Rehoboth, Iowa, Congregation. Referred to the Special Committee on National Reform Memorials.

No. 13. Memorial from the Session of the Topeka Congregation. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

No. 14. Memorial from members of the Session of the New Concord Congregation. Referred to the Special Committee on National Reform Memorials.

No. 15. Memorial from the Session of the Cedar Lake Congregation. Same reference.

No. 16. Memorial from the Session of the Utica Congregation. Same reference.

No. 17. Memorial from the Session of the Jonathan's Creek Congregation. Same reference.

Memorial from the Session of the Hopkinton Congregation. Same reference.

Two fraternal letters from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland were read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to prepare a reply.

The Board of Jewish Missions reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions, and the Committee on Finance.

It was resolved that hereafter the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education shall be known as the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College, and the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church reported. The report was read, and together

with the report of the Treasurer of the Board, J. S. Tibby, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Stated Clerk of Synod was read by J. S. Tibby, acting Stated Clerk, was corrected, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics from May 1, 1909, to May 1, 1910.

There are reported this year ten Presbyteries, 115 Congregations, 4 Mission Stations, 136 Ministers, one of whom is a Greek, 7 Licentiates, one of whom is a Greek, 9 Students of Theology, 4 of whom have been licensed, 467 Elders, 358 Deacons, 9,437 Communicants, an increase of 644 and a decrease of 651. 9602 in attendance at Sabbath School, and 2005 in attendance at the Young People's Societies, and $214,489 of total contributions.

Congregations—85 have pastors. 30 are without pastors. Content, Canada was organized into a Congregation March 22, 1910. Korriright, N. Y. Congregation was disorganized Sept. 28, 1909.

Ministers—There are 136 ministers, one less than last year. There were seven ordinations and installations, 11 installations, 7 dissolutions of the pastoral relation, one removal by death. 4 pastors have double charges. R. J. G. McKnight was installed pastor of Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation Sept. 16, 1909. S. J. Johnston was installed pastor of New Castle, Pa., Congregation Dec. 30, 1909. J. C. Slater was installed pastor of Geneva, Pa., Congregation May 10, 1910. S. E. Greer was installed pastor of Washington, Iowa, Congregation Oct. 22, 1909. D. C. Mathews was installed pastor of Old Bethel Ill., Congregation July 28, 1909. W. C. McClurkin was ordained and installed pastor of Lisbon, N. Y., Congregation April 19, 1910. D. Bruce Elsey was ordained and installed pastor of the St. John, N. B., Congregation Sept. 30, 1909. Elmer Russell, was ordained and installed pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., Congregation June 18, 1909. J. D. Edgar was ordained for the Foreign Mission Field, by the Kansas Presbytery, July 8, 1909. W. A. Aikin was ordained and installed pastor of the Eskridge, Kan., Congregation Sept. 16. 1909. H. G. Foster was installed pastor of the Billings, Okl., Congregation Nov. 6, 1909. J. R. W. Stevenson was installed pastor of the Hebron, Kan., Congregation Oct. 15. 1909. F. M. Wilson was installed pastor of the Winchester, Kan., Congregation Jan. 7, 1910. Owen F. Thompson was ordained and installed pastor of the Tabor, Kan., Congregation April 28, 1910. W. J. McBurney was installed pastor of the Fairgrove Mich., Congregation May 21, 1909. J. G. Reed was installed pastor of the Utica, Ohio, Congregation Oct. 15, 1909. S. R. Wallace was in-

stalled pastor of the Belle Center, Ohio, Congregation May 6, 1910. E. A. Crooks was installed pastor of the La Junta, Col., Congregation June 16, 1909.

W. J. McCullough was granted a letter of standing by the Rochester Presbytery, Sept. 29, 1909.

The pastoral relation between C. M. Smith and Cedar Lake, Indiana, Congregation was dissolved March 29, 1910. That between W. J. McCullough and Lisbon, N. Y., Congregation May 4, 1909. That between S. J. Johnston and Bethel, Ill., Congregation Dec. 13, 1909. That between Robert Clarke and Chicago, Ill., Congregation Sept. 14, 1909. That between S. E. Greer and Tabor, Kan., Congregation Sept. 28, 1909. That between W. T. K Thompson and Superior, Neb., Congregation May 4, 1910. That between F. M. Wilson and the Parnassus, Pa., Congregation Dec. 20, 1909.

Of the ministers without charges four are Stated Supplies, 11 are Foreign Missionaries, 2 are engaged in Reform Work, 3 are Professors in the Theological Seminary, 3 are Professors in Geneva College, 1 is engaged in Sabbath School work, 1 is Field Secretary of Jewish Mission Work, 1 is engaged in Testimony Bearing Work, 6 are unable to engage actvely in the work of the ministry, 7 are engaged for part time in secular callings, 1 in Y. M. C. A. Work, and 1 in Jewish Mission work.

Communicants. The total number is 9,437. Kansas Presbytery reports a net increase of 11, Colorado Presbytery 56, Rochester Presbytery 1, Syrian Mission 11, and China Mission 24. N. B. and N. S. Presbytery reports a net decrease of 1, Iowa Presbytery 15, Pittsburg Presbytery 27, Ohio Presbytery 4, Philadelphia Presbytery 8, New York Presbytery 33, Illinois Presbytery 32. There is a net decrease of 42 in the Church of America.

Contributions—Increased Contributions are reported for the Syrian Mission of $2,964, China Mission $1,568, Indian Mission $636, Jewish Mission $135, National Reform $672, Aged Ministers Fund $11, Salaries paid to ministers $2,635, Miscellaneous $6,200. A decrease for the Home Mission of $340, Southern Mission $225, Theological Seminary $52, Church Erection $6,987, Testimony Bearing $375, Widows and Children Deceased Ministers $939.

The number of parsonages is 17.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIBBY,

Acting Stated Clerk.

Accompanying the report of the acting Stated Clerk was the following letter from J. W. Sproull, the former Stated Clerk.

LETTER FROM J. W. SPROULL, FORMER STATED CLERK.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

On account of illness I am unable to prepare my Statistical Report and have requested Mr. J. S. Tibby to prepare it for me. For the same reason I resign as Permanent Clerk. The trunk in which are Synod's valuables, is in the Allegheny Safe Depository as directed by Synod. Mr. Tibby has the key. Mr. Crozier returned the certified copies of minutes he obtained for the East Craftsbery case. Mr. Tibby obtained some certified copies of the minutes needed for another case, these he returned. Certified copies of the printed minutes and manuscript minutes, as forwarded to me by the Clerk of Synod, are in Synod's trunk. The minutes for nineteen hundred and eight (1908) and nineteen hundred and nine (1909) have not been placed in my hands.

J. W. SPROULL,
Stated Clerk.

Dec. 13, 1909.

J. S. Tibby was elected Stated Clerk of the Synod.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

Your Committee on Psalmody would Respectfully report:

It is our duty to worship God. Worship consists primarly in the recognition and acknowledgement of the worth of the Divine Being. To contemplate the nature of God and his relations to men as they are revealed to us in His works and especially in His Word, and to give expression to the feelings of appreciation thus awakened in an appropriate manner is the foremost duty of all men.

An observer of the times has remarked that "the heathen worshipped senseless idols; the ancient Greeks worshipped beauty; in the days of chivalry men worshipped physical strength, military dignity, valor and courage, but the tendency of far too many of the present day is to worship nothing. Even in the church of Christ the idea of worship does not always occupy the place it should, or even the place it has had in other times."

It is our duty to worship God with songs of praise. The forms of acceptable worship are various. We may worship God in devout meditation, in transcendant wonder and meditation, or profound humility and self-abasement, without speech or act. We may recognize and ascribe worth-ship to God in prayer, reading of Scripture, preaching the gospel or hearing it preached, observing the sacraments, giving of our substance and in every act of our daily duty; but we have not completed the measure of our obligation if we

do not engage in the singing of His praise. This is frequently and emphatically commanded. It is enjoined by the approved example of acceptable worship and the express precept of the Divine Word. It was instituted as a part of the worship of the temple; it was practiced in the service of the synagogue. The voice of joy and melody was heard in the dwellings of the righteous under both dispensations. It was the custom of our Lord and His disciples and it will be one of the blessed occupations of the redeemed in heaven.

It is our duty to worship God with the songs of praise which He has prescribed. This proposition rests upon broad ground, but the following considerations suffice to make it evident.

1. God has provided a psalmody for the use of the church. Within the canon of the Holy Scripture we find a "Book of Praises" composed of one hundred and fifty sacred poems which are the product of the same Divine inspiration that furnishes the church with the Law and the Prophets. They bear titles indicative of their devotional nature and purpose. They are called Psalms because they are intended to be sung, not merely read. They were called Songs of Zion because designed for use in the great congregation They are called the Songs of the Lord because He is pre-eminently their author and their subject. They are of the highest literary merit, filled with sublime expression of devotion to God and declarations of the greatness of His name and works; and are suited in the variety of their matter to all ages, conditions and circumstances in which men may find themselves.

2. God has enjoined the use of this inspired psalmody in the praise service of the church. This is not a matter that has been left to the discretion of man but is commanded in the Word of God. He whose name is Jealous, who rebuked the will-worship of Cain's first offering, who enjoined Moses concerning the construction and worship of the first tabernacle, "see thou make it according to the pattern showed thee in the mount," made the use of the Psalms of the Bible in offering up her sacrifice of praise the imperative duty of the church. As a manual of praise they bear not only the seal of Divine inspiration, but Divine authorization.

3. God has never withdrawn this injunction to use this inspired psalmody in the praise service of the church. Under all dispensations of grace the Church of Christ is one. Anything which pertains to the church's worship and is not peculiar to the dispensation is as permanent as the church itself. The typical ceremonies of Old Testament times passed away. Christ was the end of the ceremonial law. Circumcision was superseded by baptism and the passover by the Lord's Supper. Some features of Old Testament worship ceased by virtue of limitations of their nature, but the character of its psalmody bespoke rather its perpetuation. It is full of Christ

and views him from the New rather than from the Old Testament standpoint. It is rich in its teaching of fundamental gospel truths and it voices the sentiments, emotions and aspirations of the Christian heart. Moreover, there is not the slightest hint in the transition from the old dispensation to the new that it was the will of God that the use of the Church's established "Book of Praises" should be discontinued. The example of Christ and his apostles and the custom of the church in the exclusive use of the Psalms for one hundred years after the death of the apostles confirm the perpetuity of their Divine appointment and place the continuance of their Divine authorization beyond the region of doubt.

4. God has never sanctioned the use of any other manual of praise in the worship of the church. The only divinely authorized book of praise in either the Old or the New Testament Church was "The Book of Psalms." If any other manual was used in the apostolic church not a trace of it remains to certify the supposition. There were the inspired songs of Moses, of Deborah, of Hezekiah, of Habakkuk, of Mary and of Zechariah, and possibly others. But if it could be proven that any portion of any of these were used in the formal worship of the church, it would not imply that they had the Divine sanction then, nor that portions of the Scriptures other than the Psalms, much less songs of human composition, may be introduced into the worship of the church now with Divine acceptance. The fact that the Head of the Church in preparing this manual of praise made one hundred and fifty selections from the body of inspired song, indicates that other portions of inspired song were rejected for reasons sufficient to the Divine Mind.

It is our duty to preserve the worship of God in the use of inspired songs of praise pure and entire. "The acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture."—(Confession of Faith, ch. 21.) A consciousness of obeying God's will in the act of worship is essential to the spirit of worship.

GEO. A. EDGAR,
J. M. WYLIE,
W. T. K. THOMPSON,
Of the Committee.

The report on Psalmody was referred to the Testimony Bearing Committee for publication in tract form, the expenses to be paid from the Literary Fund.

Synod took recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by E. G. Elsey.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 1:30 P. M. Synod reconvened, and was opened with prayer by W. P. Johnston. The roll was called. All absentees from this roll call were excused.

The minutes of the morning session were read.

The Rev. C. A. Taylor, of Westminster College, Denver, Col., was introduced, and addressed the Synod briefly in regard to the work of the Institution which he represents.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Pending the discussion of Item 3 the report was recommitted that this item might be amended, the report to be taken up some time to-morrow.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 Prayer by Thomas McFall.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, May 28, 8:30 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by D. C. Mathews. The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: J. P. Baird, E. A. Crooks, J. F. Crozier, J. Boggs Dodds, H. G. Foster, R. H. Martin, A. D. McNeill and R. G. Young.

Synod spent one-half hour in worship, led by Julius Kempf.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read.

Dr. S. C. Dickey, Manager of the Winona Assembly, was introduced and spoke briefly, expressing the pleasure that it afforded him to welcome the Synod to this place on behalf of the Assembly which he represents, because of the work which is being carried on under the direction of the Synod.

Papers were called for.

No. 19. Memorial from the Iowa Presbytery. The memorial was read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was accepted.

The Special Committee on the Action of the Iowa Presby-

tery reported. The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACTION OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

The Committee on action of Iowa Presbytery affecting R. J. G. McKnight, respectfully reports:

It appears from the papers and records before your committee that R. J. G. McKnight moderated the Session of the Chicago Congregation, met to elect a delegate to the meeting of the Presbytery last fall, the pastor being absent. The elder giving in his certificate, the Presbytery took action, characterizing it as "unpresbyterial, discourteous and unbrotherly for any minister of our church to moderate the Session of a Congregation in the absence and without the knowledge and concurrence of the pastor," and resolving "that the Clerk be authorized to send a copy of these resolutions to the Session of Chicago and to R. J. G. McKnight who moderated the Session."

The judgment of your Committee is that the act of Mr. McKnight was irregular under Presbyterian Church order; and that the course of the Pesresbytery was also irregular in their dealing with Mr. McKnight in this matter, and that their characterization of his act was out of proportion to the extent of the irregularity that Presbytery noted.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. WILLSON,
D. H. COULTER,
EVAN W. JONES,.
Committee.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported, transmitting to Synod the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College. Both reports were read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College, and the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbyteries presented their reports. These were accepted, and the items requiring reference were referred to the appropriate Committees or Boards.

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings this year. We have nine

congregations and two mission stations. There was a congregation organized at Content, Alberta, March 22, 1910. Conditions give promise of an organization at Regina at an early date. The work in the northwest is promising. Two of our congregations, hitherto dependent on the home mission fund for assistance, have decided to become self-supporting.

We have eleven ministers on the roll. J. T. Wilson and J. M. Armour are superannuated. H. B. McMillan is laboring under the auspices of the Weld Co. Sabbath School Association. The health of I. A. Blackwood is very seriously impaired. He has been able to minister to his congregation only a part of the time.

W. C. Allen is stated supply at Oakland.

E. A. Crooks was installed pastor of the La Junta congregation June 16, 1909.

The salary of Miss Kate McBurney, our Missionary to China, is paid in full.

J. M. Armour is recommended to the Board of Control for aid.

Our traveling fund is reported full.

J. M. Wylie is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

We ask for the full time of one laborer.

E. A. CROOKS, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings. We have nine congregations under our care, six of them having settled pastors. There are eight ministerial members of Presbytery. Rev. D. S. Faris, on account of advanced age, is not actively engaged in ministerial work and Rev. G. W. Benn is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Texas.

D. C. Mathews was, on July 28, 1909, installed pastor of Old Bethel congregation by the Ad Interim Commission. On December 13, 1909, S. J. Johnston was released from the pastoral charge of Bethel congregation. J. G. Reed was certified to Ohio Presbytery, and S. J. Johnston to Pittsburg Presbytery.

We have one student of Theology, James Boyd Tweed, who has completed the first year. He together with Rev. D. S. Faris and Miss Anna George are recommended to the Board of Control for participation in the appropriate funds.

A Presbyterial Young People's Union has been organized and has held a successful convention. St. Louis congregation reported at the Fall meeting the lifting of the debt which they have been carrying for many years. Princeton congregation has entirely remodeled their church building, making of it a beautiful and commodious church home.

Days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were generally observed by our congregations. Our statistical report was forwarded in due time. Our traveling fund is reported full. We ask for the full time of two laborers. D. C. Mathews is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report: Since last Synod we have had one regular meeting and the Interim Commission has been called together twice for the transaction of necessary business There are nine congregations under our care. Hickory Grove, Chicago, Vernon and Lake Reno are without pastors. Ten ministers appear upon our roll.

Robert E. Willson continues his labors as missionary in Asia Minor, W. M. Robb has been temporarily removed from his work in China by the illness of his wife. Robert Clarke was released from the pastorate of the Chicago church on his own request Sept.14, 1909, and is now employed as Financial Agent for Geneva College. J. R. W. Stevenson has been certified to Kansas Presbytery and S. E. Greer has been received from Kansas Presbytery, and was installed pastor of Washington Congregation Oct. 22, 1909. J. M. Littlejohn is engaged in secular pursuits and J. A. Black is unemployed. We have three licentiates, two of whom are students of theology. M. S. McMillan received from Colorado Presbytery and Frank E. Allen were licensed May 5, 1910. A call from Clarinda Congregation upon H. G. McConaughy has been received, and awaits the action of Presbytery.

M. S. McMillan, student of theology, and Misses Juliet and Martha Cannon ask aid from Synod's Board of Control. The time of Frank E. Allen and M. S. McMillan until the opening of Seminary and the full time of W. M. Robb is at the disposal of Synod. We ask for four men for the first six months, and one and one-half men for the last six months. Our traveling fund is full and our statistical report is in the hands of Synod's Clerk. J. S. McGaw is chairman of Committee of Supplies and of the Interim Commission.

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

That we have held one regular meeting and five meetings of our Interim Commission.

In our Presbytery there are eighteen congregations and one mission station, twenty-four ministers and two licentiates.

The following changes in our roll have taken place during the year:

S. E. Greer has been transferred to Iowa Presbytery, Elmer Russell has been received from New York Presbytery, H. G. Foster from Ohio Presbytery, J. R. W. Stevenson from Iowa Presbytery, and F. M. Wilson and Owen F. Thompson from Pittsburg Presbytery.

In the pastoral relation, there have been the following changes:

S. E. Greer was released from the Tabor congregation September 28, 1909 and W. T. K. Thompson was released from the Superior congregation May 6, 1910. Elmer Russell was ordained and installed over the Kansas City congregation June 18, 1909. W. A. Aiken was ordained and installed over the Eskridge congregation Sept. 16, 1909. J. R. W. Stevenson was installed over the Hebron congregation Oct. 15, 1909. H. G. Foster was installed over the Billings congregation Nov. 6, 1909. F. M. Wilson was installed over the Winchester congregation Jan. 7, 1910. Owen F. Thompson was ordained and installed over the Tabor congregation April 29, 1910.

Of the twenty-four ministers whose names appear on our roll, thirteen are pastors, two are foreign missionaries, one is a home missionary, one is a stated supply, six are supplying in vacant congregations, and one is engaged in teaching.

According to your instructions we ordained J. D. Edgar to the Gospel ministry July 8, 1909.

T. C. McKnight, who received temporary licensure last year, has completed his second year's work in the Seminary and has been fully licensed to preach the Gospel.

The time of the following persons is at the disposal of Synod for the number of months opposite their names:

T. C. McKnight.....Three Summer Months
S. M. Morrow.....Twelve Months.
J. W. Dill.....Six Months
W. C. Paden.....Six Months
C. R. McBurney .....Six Months
W. T. K. Thompson.....Twelve Months

Kansas Presbytery asks for full time of two laborers.

W. A. Aiken is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Our quota to the traveling fund is full.

The statistical report of our Presbytery was forwarded to J. S. Tibby at the proper time.

D. H. Coulter and T. C. McKnight have been recommended to the Board of Control.

A call is pending from the Clarinda congregation upon H. G. McConaughy. Mr. McConaughy has signified his intention of accepting this call and a commission has been appointed to attend to his ordination and installation in the near future.

J. G. McELHINNEY, Clerk.

REPORT OF N. B. & N. S. PRESBYTERY

The N. B. & N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report: That we have held two meetings during the year. The congregation of St. John made a call on D. B. Elsey which he accepted and he was ordained and installed September 30, 1909.

A call from the Barnesville congregation upon James McCune to become their pastor is pending.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson for her share of the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS McFALL, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year we have held two regular meetings.

On Sept. 28, 1909, Kortright congregation was declared disorganized. On March 24, 1910, J. C. Slater was released from the pastorate of the Brooklyn Congregation and transferred to the Pittsburg Presbytery. On May 10, 1910, S. R. Wallace was certified to Ohio Presbytery,

We have seventeen congregations under our care, of which five are without pastors. These vacant congregations are Craftsbury, Montclair, Brooklyn, Ryegate and Walton. On May 10, 1910, Presbytery sanctioned the consolidation of the Second and Fourth New York congregations. D. C. Faris is stated supply at Ryegate, Paul Coleman is stated supply at Montclair, Wm. McFarland is stated supply at Craftsbury.

We enroll 17 ministers, of whom 12 are pastors, three are in the work of foreign missions, one is engaged in secular work, and one is doing mission work in Scottsdale, Arizona. We have two students of theology under our care.

The following persons are recommended to the Board of Control: Mrs. Rosamond Johnston and Miss Elizabeth Williams for participation in Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers; Fred F. Reade and John Milton Rutherford for participation in Students' Aid Fund.

The time of one laborer is required.

W. G. Robb is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time.
Our traveling fund is full.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

We held one meeting during the year at Ray, Indiana, on September 1, 1909. The Interim Commission released C. M. Smith from the pastorate of the Ray congregation, March 29, 1910. H. G. Patterson was released by the Presbytery from the pastorate of the Southfield congregation at called meeting, May 27, 1910. J. G. Reed was installed over the Utica congregation, Oct. 15, 1909, and S. R. Wallace over Belle Center, May 6, 1910.

There are thirteen congregations and two mission stations under our care. These have a membership of 832. Three of the congregations are without pastors. One of the mission stations is Detroit, where twenty-four Covenanters are now located. This field, with proper attention, promises to develop into a self-supporting congregation. Arrangements have been made for its organization.

Four of our ordained ministers are without charges. His full time being taken up in religious work on behalf of the Jews, Louis Meyer does not wish any appointments from committee of supplies. E. C. Mitchell is one of our missionaries in China; R. A. Blair is at present lecturing in the interests of our missions under the care of the Foreign Mission Board. The full time of H. G. Patterson and C. M. Smith are at the disposal of Synod.

Mrs. Susan Love and Mrs. Walter Wilson are recommended for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Ohio Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer for stated supply and the time of one and one-half laborers for other vacant congregations.

D. O. Jack is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN COLEMAN, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year two regular meetings were held. We have under our care three congregations each supplied with a pastor. On Oct. 3rd, of last year the First Congregation held their first service in the auditorium of their new church. They are now delightfully located in a beautiful new church and are now taking on new life. The Second congregation continues to hold forth the light in that

section of the city where it first began its work. The third is trying, by its home missionary work, to occupy, as best it can, the new territory into which it recently moved. The Third has also pledged money additional to support a second missionary in the Foreign field.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the treasurer of Synod, Mr. J. S. Tibby.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year one special and two regular meetings were held.

The following are the changes in the roll: J. W. Sproull was removed by death on January 7, 1910. F. M. Wilson was certified to Kansas Presbytery. Licentiate Owen F. Thompson was transferred to Kansas Presbytery, and W. C. McClurkin, also a licentiate, was transferred to the Rochester Presbytery.

The following changes have taken place in pastoral relations:

R. J. G. McKnight, installed pastor of Wilkinsburg congregation Sept. 16, 1909.

S. J. Johnston, installed pastor of New Castle congregation Dec. 30, 1909.

J. C. Slater, installed pastor of Geneva congregation May 10, 1910.

J. W. Sproull, released from pastorate of Central Allegheny congregation Oct. 26, 1909.

F. M. Wilson, released from pastorate of Parnassus congregation Dec. 20, 1909.

D. C. Martin, released from pastorate of East End congregation May 10, 1910.

Our licentiates are: A. A. Johnston, R. D. Taggart, Paul Coleman, F. D. Fraser and W. M. Milroy.

George S. Coleman and Arthur Wallace Calhoun were received under the care of Presbytery as students of theology of the first year. Mr. Calhoun was prevented by ill health from prosecuting his studies during the year.

The full time of the following is at the disposal of Synod:—

1, R. J. Dodds; 2, A. J. McFarland; 3, F. D. Frazier; 4, Paul Coleman; 5, A. A. Johnston; 6, R. D. Taggart; 7, R. C. Allen; 8, T. J. Allen; 9, J. F. Crozier; 10, T. C. Sproull; 11, B. M. Sharp.

Presbytery asks for the full tme of 2½ laborers.

J. S. Thompson is chairman of the committee on Supplies.

Our quota to Synod's traveling fund is full.

Our Statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod at the proper time.

The following were recommended to the Board of Control:— Mrs. Charles Clyde, Mrs. J .C. Taylor, Mrs. Nancy Reed and Rev. J. C. K. Faris, R. J. Dodd $300, T. A. McElwain for $300.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report.

We have held two regular meetings during the year. On Sept. 29, 1909 W. J. McCullough was, at his own request, granted a letter of standing. On April 13, 1910, Walter C. McClurkin was received from Pittsburg Presbytery, and, on the same date ordained to the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the Lisbon congregation. On May 26, 1910, John Yates, having accepted the call from the Central Allegheny congregation, was released from the pastorate of the Syracuse congregation and certified to Pittsburg Presbytery.

There are five congregations and one Mission Station under our care. One congregation is without a pastor. We have one minister. William McFarland, without charge and one licentiate, Robert Park. The full time of both is at the disposal of Synod.

We ask for one laborer for half-time. We report our Traveling Fund in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to James S. Tibby. J. R. Latimer is the chairman of our Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER C. McCLURKIN, Clerk.

A letter of greeting from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence to prepare a reply.

The special order of the day for this morning, fixed by last Synod, was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod J. F. Crozier entered his protest against this action.

The Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was read and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 6 inclusive were adopted. The item referring to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. The reported was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The work of the year was largely that of beginnings. Though these were not great we believe that they hold the potency and the promise of greater things.

More than twenty of our congregations held special evangelistic services, in addition to their regular services, varying in length from a few days to two weeks or more. The aid of the committee in making these arrangements was sought in at least half of these cases. So far as the committee has been able to learn the results of these efforts have been uniformly regarded with favor. Five pastors who held such services in their congregations were asked to give their opinion of the value of these services as viewed from this distance. Extracts from their replies are given. The pastor of a congregation in the Middle West where the services were held in a needy district some nine miles from the town in which the church is located, says: "We consider the work done well worth the time and money spent. On next Sabbath we are to organize the work there and put it in definite shape. We expect to have a Sabbath School of no less than 35 members and perhaps more. The people in the neighborhood seem to be aroused and are determined to do something. I believe the results more than justify the efforts. We had at least 15 professions. These people so far as I know are staying with it. There is no question in my mind but that the work carried on there has been a great blessing to the community in which the meetings were held." The pastor of a rapidly growing western congregation writes: "It is very easy to answer your question as to the general effects of our evangelistic services. They were beneficial both to our own people and in the town as well. They created a greater interest in the people, and the increase in the attendance at our evening preaching service, by outsiders, is marked. How much of this is due to the actual evangelistic services, and how much to the personal house to house canvass of the pastor will never be known, and makes little difference. The results, though general, do justify the efforts, though we cannot point to any one who was led by the services to make a profession of faith in Christ." The pastor of one of the older eastern congregations writes: "I am glad to be able to say that there is an increase of life and earnestness in our congregation which I have felt for some time to be due at least partly to our evangelistic services. There seems to be an increased willingness on the part of our youth to become members of the church. Certainly the impression made by the gospel message during the meetings has not passed away. In reply to the question, Do the results justify the effort put forth? I unhesitatingly answer, Yes. Of the effect of the meetings on the community I have not the

means of judging so accurately, but I feel sure that there has been permanent benefit to the community also, as well as to our own people." The pastor of a small congregation in a large city writes: "Regarding the evangelistic services will say that I am very well satisfied with the results, and intend to do the same thing this year again. I know of no other kind of church work yielding larger dividends in this congregation. Some did personal work and gave testimonies in the meetings; what they had never done before. Two from the world united with the church. They have been regular in their attendance since then." Another city pastor writes: "We still feel that our evangelistic services were well worth having. I do not believe there would a dissenting voice to that sentiment in the whole congregation. The largest result, I think, is in emphasizing the fact that the first concern of every church is to 'make disciples', and we feel that the clearer emphasis of this fact has affected the work of the congregation in several ways." These are not opinions given under the heat of emotion, but after deliberate consideration and months of observation of the results secured.

The most frequent excuse given for inactivity in this work was "no opportunity," and "the field fully occupied by other churches." So far as the committee knows there is nothing exceptional in the situation of the five congregations from whose pastors we have quoted. They were chosen from those congregations that held such services because they were believed to be fairly representative of the average congregation in our church. They found opportunity, and a field not so fully occupied as to leave no work remaining for them. As long as there are unsaved souls in the community there is opportunity for such work. The presence and activity of other churches does not rob us of our right to be active in this work, nor excuse us for inactivity. And until a congregation has explored its field for a radius of at least five miles it can hardly say that no opening exists for evangelistic work. It is to be feared that the lack is not opportunities, but willingness, and a sense of obligation.

Three lines of activity give opportunity to every one who would engage in this work.

First. Personal effort, in house to house visitation, and in personal conversation with the unsaved. You can at least invite them to come and hear the gospel preached; you can give them a tract that presents Christ as the Saviour; you can give them God's word; you can call for them and take them with you to the house of God.

Second. Sabbath School work. This may be made a vehicle for evangelism, either in the congregational school, or in the mission school in some nearby needy district. All Sabbath School work

ought to aim at two things: the reaching of the unsaved; the building up of the saved. Such work requires sustained effort, and involves self-denial. But a heart fired with the love of God and hungry for souls will not hesitate at this.

Third. Direct evangelistic services. These may often be held in connection with a sacramental occasion. Such services should always have much that is distinctly evangelistic about them. But they need not be confined to such occasions. Such services secure the cumulative result of sustained effort. They afford opportunity to press upon the unsaved the importance of immediate decision. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me." That was a call to decision, immediate decision, public decision. And Matthew arose, left all and followed him. It was no emotional response, but a decision that was for eternity. Why should not the disciple do as his Lord? It is here that our work as a church has been marked by one of its greatest weaknesses. We have not pressed men and women to immediate decision. We have not said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

We recommend:

1. That pastors be urged to put forth every effort to enlist their members in personal work for the unsaved, and that members be urged to be more ready to avail themselves of the opportunities that are to be found on every hand.

2. That greater efforts be put forth to make the Sabbath School a more effective evangelizing agency .

3. That pastors be urged to make the communion season a more distinctly revival season, and that wherever possible, either in connection with a communion season, or at some other suitable time, either in the church or in some needy outlying district, at least one week of special evangelistic services be held, when the unsaved shall be urged to at once receive Christ as He is offered to them in the gospel.

4. That pastors and Christian workers be urged to follow up with diligence the results of special evangelistic services, both in instructing those brought to a decision, and in urging the undecided to come to a decision at once.

5. That the following books be recommended to be read during the year, the first two more especially to pastors, the second two to lay members: "Pastoral and Personal Evangelism," by Rev. Charles L. Goodell, D. D.; "Present Day Evangelism," by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D.; "How to Bring Men to Christ," by Rev. R. A. Torry, D. D., and "Indvidual Work for Individuals," by Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, D. D.

6. That the same appropriation be made to this committee

from the Domestic Mission Treasury as last year, namely $500.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON,
J. RENWICK WYLIE,
R. H. MARTIN,
JAS. SCOTT,
J. E. DODDS,
Committee.

The Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30. Prayer by A. J. McFarland, Sr.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, May 30, 8:30 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour, and was constituted with prayer by J. T. Mitchell. The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: G. W. Benn, R. A. Blair, W. W. Carithers, Robert Henry, M. M. Pearce, B. M. Sharp and D. L. Threewit.

Synod spent one-half hour in worship led by C. A. Dodds.

The Minutes of Saturday morning session were read.

The following papers were introduced by permission of Synod:

No. 20. Memorial from Colorado Presbytery. Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

No. 21. Memorial from Colorado Presbytery. Read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

No. 22. Memorial from Ohio Presbytery. Read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

A resolution introduced by R. J. G. McKnight providing that in view of his arduous duties the Clerk of Synod should hereafter be paid $100 per year out of the Literary Fund, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

An item of finance connected with the work of the Committee on Music for the proposed new edition of the Psalter was introduced by the Chairman of the Committee, and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was read and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted, and the naming of the delegates was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report, that there has been referred to us the report of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association. In reviewing this report we note with pleasure the many lines of increased activity of the Association. The holding of ten conferences and conventions at which one hundred and thirty persons have spoken; the preaching of two hundred and forty sermons; the distributing of 4,037,482 pages of literature; the securing of the introduction into Congress of the Christian Amendment; together with the arrangement for the World's Conference, indicates an increased activity in the work which is most gratifying. And in view of this increased activity and the widening fields for work, not only at home but abroad, and the coming of the World's Conference, which by the blessing of God will be a mighty factor in advancing the cause for which we as a Church have stood for so many years, we recommend the cause anew to the earnest prayer and consecrated liberality of our people.

One year ago the Association was requested by the Synod to secure the amendment of its charter, then recently granted, the Synod recommending the wording of the charter which it would endorse. This amendment to the charter has been secured and it now reads, slightly modified, as recommended by the Synod, "The proposed corporation is formed for the purpose of maintaining and promoting in our national life the Christian principles of civil government."

We recommend:—

1. That the report of the Executive Committee be published in connection with this report.

2. That six delegates be appointed by this Synod to attend the World's Conference to be held at Philadelphia during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
McLEOD M. PEARCE,
THOMAS PATTON,
J. B. GILMORE,
M. W. LESLIE,
T. H. McCANDLESS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COVENANTER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyteran Church:—

By the express request of this Synod the National Reform Association presents each year a report of its work; and by the standing rule of the Association the members of the Executive Committee, who are also members of this church, are a standing committee to prepare this report and to sustain this cause before you.

In order to keep within the limits fixed by Synod it will be necessary for us to content ourselves with the barest statement of facts. We submit them under the following heads:

1. **Charter.** In accordance with the recommendation of last Synod the Association has amended its charter.

2. **Conferences, Conventions and Institutes.** Of these there have been held ten in different parts of the country—one national, one state, five district and three county. At these one hundred and thirty persons have spoken, one hundred and fifteen of whom have made addresses from twenty minutes to an hour each. Prominent among the subjects discussed were those of the Kingship of Christ and the Christian Amendment, and without exception both were strongly endorsed and clearly set forth in the resolutions adopted. At these various meetings general discussion following set addresses was generally participated in, much appropriate literature was always distributed, considerable money was secured and also many subscriptions to the Christian Statesman, and not a few converts were won to the cause.

3. **Sermons and Addresses.** The number of sermons preached by those employed by the Association, and reported to headquarters, totals two hundred and twenty-four. In addition to the hundred and thirty addresses at conferences, conventions and institutes, to which reference has just been made, two hundred and thirty-one have been delivered by these employees. These sermons and addresses were given before the members of ministerial associations, congregations, young people's societies, men's organizations and Y. M. C. A.'s, before attendants at prayer-meetings, teachers' meetings, teachers' institutes and Chautauquas, and before students in normal schools, high schools, colleges and universities. These sermons and addresses almost without exception had to do with the practical living issues of the day, setting forth the present day perils to our national Christianity, showing the relation between them and our secular written constitution and suggesting the needed change to this document in the form of the Christian Amendment. Many had to do particularly with the subject of Christian education, especially in State institutions, as related to the future

welfare of our country and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God through the agency of a thoroughly Christianized state.

It is worthy of mention that many of these addresses have been delivered before large numbers of public school teachers, college students and attendants at summer assemblies. The General Superintendent has visited Antioch, Beaver, Geneva, Westminster, State and Tri-State Colleges and Wilberforce and Bucknell Universities, speaking to the students in some of these institutions twice. Large numbers of teachers have also been reached by him and others at regular county institutes, chiefly in the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania. A number of such engagements have been already made for similar work for the coming year. Fifty sermons and addresses were delivered upon Chautauqua platforms last year at Greeley, Colo., Monmouth, Ill., and Winona Lake, Ind. A much larger number have been arranged for this year at Sterling, Kan., Mediapolis, Ia., Yellow Springs, O., Cambridge, O., Ridgeway, Pa., Greeley, Colo., Winona Lake Ind., and Chautauqua, N. Y.

4. **Literature.** The following new tracts and reprints have been issued during the year: (1) 5,000—The National Reform Association—A Plea for its Moral and Financial Support, (2) 10,000—National Christianity in Our Public Schools, (3) 5,000—World's Conference Bulletin, No. 2, (4) 5,000—The Sabbath and the Working Man, (5) 10,000—Reply to Rabbi Levy's assault on the use of the Bible in our Public Schools, (6) 5,000—Day of Prayer for Schools, (7) 5,000—Plea for Religion in the Nation, (8) 5,000—Our National Thanksgiving Festival, a total of 50,000 and amounting to 1,000,000 pages. There have been sent out 37,000 copies of the Christian Statesman, 129,230 tracts, 6,222 circular letters, 1,563 separately dictated letters, 500 newspaper articles, 450 programs of the World's Conference, 450 lists of Local Committee of World's Conference, 100 postal cards, 2000 subscription cards, 32 Sabbath Laws in the United States, 40 Manuals of Christian Civil Government, and 83,100 various other tracts in addition, making a total of 260,787 different pieces of literature, in all, 4,037,582 pages—almost three times as much as last year. This literature has gone into almost every State and Territory in the Union—to men and women of different callings and professions including United States Congressmen, members of the State Legislatures, College and University professors, teachers in Normal, high and public schools. In many instances it was accompanied by a personal letter from the General Superintendent and in almost all such instances brought a favorable response.

5. **The World's Conference.** For this a program has been prepared, speakers for the most part secured, a Philadelphia list secured of almost one hundred representative Christian men, divided

into appropriate committees, to care for the local interests of the Conference, articles sent to more than three hundred religious newspapers advertising it, a library of books on Christian Civil Government procured for exhibition at it, large lists of possible attendants obtained and a vast deal of correspondence done in the promotion of the Conference.

6. **The Christian Amendment.** After long and patient endeavor, what proved to be a most favorable hearing for the Christian Amendment as a substitute for that proposed by Representative Sheppard, was secured before the House Sub-Judiciary Committee of Congress. The arguments there made have been published and may be read by all who wish. There was no opposition whatever made by any member of the Committee. The most respectful hearing for about an hour and a half was given. No report has yet been made by the Committee. We have no way of knowing what the report will be or whether the Committee will report at all. That will no doubt depend, in part at least, upon the influence brought to bear upon the members by the friends and foes of the Amendment. Thousands of petitions have been sent out to congregations and individuals for use in its favor.

7. **Educational Investigation.** Special effort has been made to investigate the character of instruction given in Colleges and Universities. More than six hundred letters were addressed at two different times to a total of between six and seven hundred presidents of as many different institutions, a classified list of answers published to the first and a similar list prepared for publication to the second. In speaking of the list published one prominent Christian Educator says: "The Christian Statesman has rendered a great service to the cause of education. It made the most exhaustive effort to arrive at the facts in the case concerning the much-mooted subject and gave the fairest statement of the real situation". This published result is obtainable by any who may wish it.

8. **Organization.** Two States—Pennsylvania and Kansas—have been organized and Secretaries for each elected to give their full time to the work. In both cases the Secretaries have declined, but negotiations are now in progress with others who it is hoped can be secured soon. Three District and one County organizations have also been effected. In all, seventy-five new officers of these different subordinate organizations have been enlisted for service, and something over five hundred dollars secured from them in cash and pledges for financial support of the work. The total amount of money received through the office was about $3000 which with that received by the treasurer amounted to over $9000.

9. **New Features.** Among the new features of the work is the effort to reach the foreign population of the country through re-

ligious papers published in their own language. Two such papers have been at our disposal the past year, one of which has been used quite extensively. We reach about 10,000 foreigners in this way each week. The free advertisement of our literature in religious journals has resulted in the securing of many orders from all parts of the country. The free use of religious journals generally has also served to bring the Association and its work before the public more extensively than hitherto.

10. Appropriation. We respectfully request an appropriation of the same amount as last year—$8000.

H. H. GEORGE, Chairman.
J. S. MARTIN, Secretary.

The action of the Committee on Traveling Fund in allowing ministers engaged in the service of the church other than that of pastor or supply, traveling expenses only from their home to the place of meeting and to their home again, was approved.

The following resolution introduced by Thomas Patton was adopted.

It having been reported that there is need of immediate action in order to preserve the monument erected to the memory of Dr. J. R. Wilson, in Coldenham cemetery,

Resolved, that Synod appoint a Committee of three to do all that they deem wise to save this memorial to Dr. Wilson and to perpetuate his memory, reporting progress at next Synod.

Thomas Patton, J. R. Thompson and Elder Ross of First Newburg were appointed the Committee.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the above Committee the amount in the Treasury to the credit of the North Carolina Cemetery Fund.

The Special Committee to which was referred the memorials relating to the annual appropriation to the National Reform Association reported, presenting a majority report signed by three members and a minority report signed by two members. The reports were read, and the majority report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 amended and adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Item 4 adopted.

Item 5 stricken out.

Item 6 adopted.

Item 7 adopted.

The report was recommitted to be reconstructed in harmony with the changes ordered.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was read, was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Secret Societies constitute one of the most popular, powerful, pretentious and pernicious social institutions of the present day. Their importance entitles them to serious consideration, their character merits our condemnation and their strength awakens our apprehension. The thorough treatment which they have received annually, by this court, precludes the hope of offering anything strictly new at this time. One phase of the subject, not specially emphasized in recent reports, is their strength, and to this aspect of the question the present discussion will be directed. Nothing is gained by mincing the fact that organized secrecy is one of the powerful social factors in every community. Learning wisdom from the Philistines, when dealing with a strong antagonist, we are taught that the first step toward overcoming them is to discover "wherein their great strength lieth and by what means we may prevail against them". How are they able to attract and hold men?

The first thing is secrecy. Curiosity attracts people toward the occult and mysterious, and so serves a purpose in bringing men within the empire of darkness. Other influences, less transient in their nature, retain them.

Since the days of Cain the depraved human heart is prone to repudiate its obligation to seek the welfare of every fellow man, and to find satisfaction in any real or supposed selfish advantage gained at the expense of the rest of men. This advantage is one of the potent influences that keep members in the lodge.

The exacting of a pledge or oath of secrecy, at the threshold before any secrets are confided is essential to their existence. The administration of these oaths amidst wierd surroundings and with awful sanctions, impresses the imagination and engenders a morbid reverence and servile dread of the obligations, which hold multitudes either in servitude or silence.

Another strong feature is in the appeal which the lodge makes to our social nature. It offers a brotherhood hedged about by special safeguards and affording peculiar privileges. The desire for companionship, co-operation, fellowship, is strong in man and the secret brotherhood looks very attractive to hearts that yearn for

sympathy, and the quiet retreat from the rough world's buffetings is very alluring to those who are weary of toil and of strife.

Another element of strength is their insurance. As co-operative insurance societies they profess to offer a cheap, easy and safe method of providing against the evil day, and their hold strenghens with every assessment that is paid. Eliminate the insurance feature and many of them would speedily disintegrate.

Their subtlest attractive power is in their professed moral and religious influence. All claim to inculcate the purest principles of morality and certain of the more prominent ones profess to be religious societies for saving men. Man is above all other things a religious being and whatever promises to satisfy his spiritual craving ranks first in its influence upon him.

It is pertinent now to ask how an institution which seizes and holds men in such a firm grip can be successfully opposed? The basis of all successful warfare in the moral realm is the conviction that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds". The divine method of contest is prescribed in the Revelation. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony". A positive, clear, consistent, unyielding, and unceasing testimony against them is God's way of destroying them. We ought to testify that they are essentially evil because secrecy, their foundation principle, is evil. This our Lord undoubtedly taught John 2:20-21, "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light that his deeds may be manifest that they are wrought in God".

In their method, which is indispensable to their continuance as secret organizations, they are wrong. Their pledge of secrecy, exacted before the secrets are disclosed brings them into direct collision with the word of God, which pronounces guilty him who swears to do either good or evil while the thing that he swears is yet hidden from him. Along this line of action modern secret societies out-Herod Herod, for his rash promise was made under the influence of wine and the infatuation of passion but these exact their pledges in cool deliberation and as a fixed mode of procedure.

As brotherhoods we ought to testify against them. Two brotherhoods and two only are sanctioned in the Scriptures, the brotherhood of man and the brotherhood of believers and admission to these is by birth, not by initiation; to the one by natural birth, to the other by the new birth. All artificial brotherhoods therefore come into conflict with the relationships which God has appointed among men.

As insurance societies they are unsound in principle and mis-

leading in their professions, ample evidence of which is furnished in a booklet published in 1906 at Milwaukee, Wis., by W. E. Thompson in which a post mortem account is given of two thousand two hundred and fifty-five Co-operative Assessment and Fraternal Societies whose demise had occurred within two decades.

But our testimony should be most pronounced against them as religious societies, rivaling as they do the only institution which God has founded for saving men and betraying their deluded members by offering them a worthless substitute for the religion of Jesus Christ, and teaching them to trust in a spurious morality instead of the one sacrifice for sin.

We recommend

1st That pastors, sessions, parents and teachers earnestly and frequently set before the youth under their care the fact that secret societies one and all, great and small are essentially evil, because secret.

2nd. That they emphasize the fact that these societies develop the baser rather than the nobler elements of human nature cultivating, as they do, selfishness instead of generosity.

3rd. That we urge upon the thoughtful attention of all our members the fact, that God has made ample provision for all human needs in the institutions he has appointed and therefore all others are unnecessary.

4th. That sessions be instructed to guard the purity of the church by faithful and judicious discipline.

5th. That our people be exhorted to maintain an active testimony against secretism, alone, or in co-operation with others of like mind, in their respective communities; as a means of bringing out good and honest men, who are in the lodge and keeping out good and honest men, who are tempted to go in.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. ROBB,
J. BOGGS DODDS,
GEO. N. GREER,
J. W. CAVAN,
R. A. ADAMS,
Committee.

The Home Mission Conference presented its final report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to name the Committee provided for in item 4.

Synod took recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by S. McNaugher, Sr.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 1:30 P. M. Synod reconvened and was opened with prayer by S. G. Shaw.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and corrected.

The Special Committee on National Reform Memorials presented their amended report. The report was read, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM MEMORIALS.

Your Committee on National Reform Memorials would respectfully report:

Eleven memorials were placed in our hands; one praying for the discontinuance of the annual appropriation to the National Reform Association, and ten praying that our relations remain undisturbed and the annual appropriation continued.

Having considered these memorials, without expressing our judgment on the merits of the arguments presented, your Committee recommend the adoption by Synod of the following resolutions as an answer to your memorialists and a final disposition of the questions involved.

Resolved; (1) That twenty minutes be spent in prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts.

(2) That Synod shall then take up for discussion the following question,—"Shall the annual appropriation to the National Reform Association be continued?"—Each speaker being limited to ten minutes, except with the permission of the Court.

(3) Discussion having closed, twenty minutes be spent in prayer for the direction of the Holy Spirit in reaching a decision.

(4) The Synod shall then proceed to vote by informal ballot "yes" or "no", with each voter's signature.

(5) That the course of procedure be made the order of the day for Monday at 1:30 p. m.

(6) That the time for adjournment be extended, if necessary, to complete this action.

GEO. A. EDGAR,
P. J. McDONALD,
WM. ESLER,
Of the Committee.

Twenty minutes were spent in prayer, after which Synod entered upon the consideration of the question proposed in the report.

Pending the discussion of this question the hour for recess arrived. A. A. Samson was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the court, he having been called home by a death in his congregation. S. R. Wallace was excused from attendance after the session of this evening for a like reason.

Synod took recess until 7:30 this evening. Prayer by W. S. Fulton.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7:30 P. M. Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by S. F. Kingston. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the afternoon session were read. The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. Charles G. Sterling, district secretary of the National Christian Association opposed to Secret Societies. Rev. Sterling was introduced to the Synod and briefly addressed the court in relation to the work of the Association which he represents.

It was resolved that the vote on the question under consideration when Synod took recess be taken not later than 9:30 this evening. Synod resumed the consideration of the question under discussion before recess.

At the close of the discussion twenty minutes were spent in prayer, and Synod proceeded to vote as already provided. The vote was as follows:

Yes—T. H. Acheson, J. S. Arthur, J. P. Baird, G. W. Benn, Walter Bell, J. A. Black, R. A. Blair, J. M. Brown, A. M. Cannon, R. J. Cathcart, Robert Clarke, S. G. Conner, D. H. Coulter, E. A. Crooks, S. J. Crowe, J. H. Curry, Willson Daugherty, S. R. Davis, J. B. Dodds, J. Boggs Dodds, C. A. Dodds, R. M. Downie, John T. Doig, Edmund Dunn, G. A. Edgar, D. H. Elliott, Richard Elliott, W. J. Elliott, D. B. Elsey, E. G. Elsey, E. M. Elsey, Wm. Esler, Isaiah Faris, W. O. Ferguson, B. M. Ferguson, J. R. Finley, J. M. Foster, S. Turner Foster, J. C. French, W. S. Fulton, H. H. George, W. Henry George, J. B. Gilmore, Geo. N. Greer, S. E. Greer, O. S. Grove, George Gunn, R. Hargrave, W. A. Hervey, Henry Hogg, J. E. Huheey, D. O. Jack, W. P. Johnston, Evan Jones, Julius Kempf, A. Kilpatrick, S. F. Kingston, M. W. Leslie, George Martin, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, D. D. Mearns, R. C. Montgomery, T. H. McCand-

less, J. G. McConnell, James McCune, P. J. McDonald, A. R. McFarland, J. S. McGaw, S. McNaugher, Jr., S. McNaugher, Sr., Thomas Patton, M. M. Pearce, Wm. Pearce, R. W. Piper, J. G. Reed, R. C. Reed, W. J. Sanderson, B. M. Sharp, A. M. Shaw, S. G. Shaw, W. A. Snair, C. M. Smith, W. J. Smith, R. M. Sommerville, T. C. Sproull, T. C. Speer, G. R. Steele, T. P. Stevenson, J. S. Stewart, J. C. Sterrett, C. D. Trumbull, S. R. Wallace, D. B. Willson, F. M. Wilson, Jesse Wilson, J. Milligan Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie, R. C. Wylie, John Yates, R. G. Young, Knox M. Young, W. F. Young.—104.

No—W. A. Aikin, D. S. Anderson, T. J. Bowes, R. C. Campbell, W. W. Carithers, J. M. Coleman, John Coleman, W. J. Coleman, J. F. Crozier, R. M. Dean, E. I. Dewey, J. R. Dill, J. C. K. Faris, F. M. Foster, H. G. Foster, M. A. Gault, R. J. Gault, J. M. Johnston, S. J. Johnston, J. R. Latimer, C. J. Lewis, Robert Lunney, J. W. Marshall, D. C. Mathews, M. R. Mehaffy, G. R. Miller, J. T. Mitchell, J. W. Moore, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, Walter McClurkin, J. G. McElhinney, Thomas McFall, A. J. McFarland, Sr., William McFarland, J. C. McFeeters, E. L. McKnight, David McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, W. J. McKnight, S. W. McLean, A. D. McNeill, H. G. Patterson, James Park, John Parkhill, J. H. Pritchard, John W. Pritchard, G. M. Robb, W. G. Robb, W. M. Robb, Elmer Russell, J. C. Slater, J. G. Stevenson, W. R. Sterrett, A. J. Swank, John Taggart, Owen F. Thompson, J. S. Thompson, W. T. K. Thompson, T. K. Tippin, D. L. Threewit, Adam Walkinshaw, J. M. Wallace, J. E. Wilson, A. A. Wylie, J. W. Young.—66.

Not Voting—D. C. Faris.—1.

Absent—Robert Henry, A. T. Russell.—2.

Excused from attendance—*A. A. Samson, D. R. Sterrett, S. G. Thompson.—3.

*A. A. Samson wished to be recorded as favoring the affirmative.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, submitting a draft of a letter to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland, and also a draft of a letter to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The report was adopted, and the letters were ordered signed by the officers of the Synod, and forwarded to the respective Synods.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 4 inclusive were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

Your Committee would respectfully report; that two reports viz: "Report of the Board of Sustentation", and "Board of Church Erection" have been placed in our hands. The Sustentation Board has received $2,608.54 from bequests, endowments, and from congregations, and the sum has been used to make up the salaries of ministers according to the appropriations of Synod.

The Board of Church Erection records the retirement of Mr. Walter T. Miller, for many years a member and the Treasurer of the Board. His years of faithful, laborious service should be recorded as a tribute of honor due him and a stimulus to those who follow him in the Lord's work. The report also records the death of Mr. Robert McAfee, who departed this life May 13, 1910. He had been a member for many years, and its chairman for a long term. The Board bears testimony to his gentle, earnest, kindly spirit. He combined the noble and the meek. "A great voice from heaven said: Write: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit: they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them." The Board had five calls for aid to congregations during the year: Topeka $600 for repairs. Princeton $500, Kansas City $1,500 on condition that they raise $4,000, Quinter $1,500 provided they raise the balance of $3,225, and West Hebron $500 on condition that the congregation complete the work of rebuilding free of debt. The receipts were $6,390.20 for the year. Disbursements $1,100. The balance now is $5,290.20.

We recommend:—

1. That the appropriations made be sanctioned by Synod.
2. That the place of Rev. J. C. Slater, Walter T. Miller and Robert McAfee be filled by elders R. J. Bole, Wm. Browne and Samuel Carmichel.
3. That Dr. S. A. S. Metheny be elected a member of the Board and also its Treasurer.
4. That the Sustentation Board's appropriations be sustained.

Respectfully submittted,

J. M. FOSTER,
S. J. JOHNSTON,
J. G. REED,
J. G. McCONNELL,
J. B. DODDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully report, that during the Synodic year several meetings have been held; and business with which your Board has been charged, has been advanced according to the judgment of the Board.

Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.

First of all, your Board desires to place on record its very deep regret that during the latter part of the fiscal year the Board's Treasurer, Mr. Walter T. Miller, became so enfeebled by reason of age, that he could not longer serve in this capacity. Mr. Miller has been a most faithful, painstaking, and careful member of the Board, and Treasurer these long years; and for conscientious service, none excel, and few equal him. Mr. Miller's presence and counsel are sincerely missed in our meetings. That his time remaining may be full of peace and joyous anticipations is the prayer of your Board. Dr. S. A. S. Metheny was asked by the Board to take the work of the Treasurer until Synod, and he kindly consented so to do. He has officially discharged the duties of the office, and will report to you in Mr. Miller's place.

Also a little more than two weeks ago Mr. Robert McAfee, long a member of this Board, and for some years its chairman, was called to his rest. He died May 13, 1910. The Board wishes to bear testimony to his fine Christian character, his gentleness of spirit, his devotion to, sacrifices for and labors in the Church of God In the Board of Church Erection he was a judicious and wise counsellor, and sought the upbuilding of Christ's cause in the erection of churches for the worship of God. Your Board feels deeply the providence which has taken Mr. McAfee away, and we seek a greater baptism of the Spirit of God.

Business Before the Board.

During the year several calls for aid, from congregations, have been passed upon by your Board. To some, money appropriated has been sent, others have not yet fulfilled conditions.

Topeka.

This congregation had received from the Board $500 in 1897, and they were helped further by a small loan to deliver them from a Building and Loan Association. By said appropriation, the congregation was able to get into their church building, and they have continued to worship in it these years. Chairs were used for seats, and the basement, not floored or plastered, could not be used. After occupying the unfinished church these twelve years, they recently,

under the inspiration of their new pastor, Rev. A. A. Samson, determined to complete the house of God. They raised funds among themselves to aid in flooring and plastering the basement, putting in furnace, and for building stairway so that the basement could be used: and for seating the church with circular pews.

The congregation was not financially able to compete their undertakings. They applied to your Board for aid. Their application was endorsed by Kansas Presbytery.

On Nov. 9, 1909, your Board made an appropriation of $600 to Topeka congregation on the understanding that, with this amount the work was to be completed. This provides a basement 34x54, with 9 foot ceiling; a furnace; stairway from the basement, and circular pews for the auditorium.

Princeton.

The Princeton congregation has been long and favorably known to the church. Last year, they determined to remodel their church and refit it. Subscriptions were taken. The whole expense was estimated at $2,500. The congregation, not large, was able to raise $2,000, and applied to your Board for help to the amount of $500. The application was recommended by Illinois Presbytery.

After due deliberation, your Board appropriated $500 to Princeton congregation, on the understanding that they would complete the work free from debt. They now rejoice in a beautified and well appointed house of God. It is 30x50, with Sabbath School room 15x20.

Kansas City.

This congregation began work more than twenty years ago. Under many difficlties a church was secured, and refitted. Your Board appropriated to this work, at various times, sums amounting, all told, to $1,750 and $1,650 additional was gathered by canvassing congregations. As the church is now badly in need of repair, a movement was made to sell the church, change the location, and build in a more residential neighborhood. Accordingly lots were secured, and a small temporary structure was erected. A Sabbath School was organized, and the work was begun in the new location. Services were continued, also, in the old building.

Feeling their inability to raise the funds for the new undertaking, though led by their young and energetic pastor, Rev. Elmer Russell, they applied to your Board for aid. Also they submitted plans of proposed new church, and which represented an estimated outlay of $10,000. The congregation subscribed $500. Estimated value of old church, with real estate, $3,000. This

would leave $6,500 to be gotten elsewhere. After careful consideration of the undertaking, and examination of the plans, your Board appropriated $1,500, on condition that the money is to be paid when this money will put the congregation out of debt.

The undertaking is a serious one financially, and should receive careful and prayerful consideration by the congregation.

Quinter.

This congregation appears to be located in good farming community. For many years the struggle was hard. With $300 aid from your Board of Church Erection in 1900, an old church was purchased and refitted, and has been used these years. With the settlement of regular pastor, the Rev. J. G. McElhinney, the congregation sprang into activity. Many new families moved into the neighborhood. The church was soon filled. Presently all could not be comfortably seated. The question of enlarging the building became a pressing one, almost urgent.

Accordingly, steps were taken to prepare the way for enlarging the building. The members of the congregation subscribed $2,275. The estimated value of timber in the old building, $225. The new church is to be erected on the same site as the old. The total cost of the new building is estimated at $5,000. The plans were laid before your Board.

Your Board, after careful consideration, appropriated $1,500 to be paid when this amount will enable the congregation to go out of debt.

West Hebron.

The West Hebron church is very old. The foundations have settled. The sill of one of the windows has dropped at one end an inch and a half. A storm in 1909 further damaged the building. Under the leading of their new pastor, the Rev. S. G. Shaw, Ph. D., the congregation is taking on new life, and is striving in renewed activity.

A letter of inquiry as to the possibility of receiving help, should West Hebron congregation attempt the work of rebuilding their church, was sent to your Board. The Board replied that it looked with favor on the re-building project, and would favorably consider an application for $500 for the work, when this amount would complete the new building, free of debt.

The appropriations paid, and the conditional appropriations not yet paid, practically cover money at the disposal of your Board for the year. Collections lifted April 1st Sabbath, furnish working capital for the present year. Temporary Treasurer, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, gives the following summary to be included in this report:

Receipts.

Balance reported to last Synod by Treasurer Walter T. Miller	$4,723.99
Received from all sources	1,666.21
Total receipts	$6,390.29

Disbursements.

To Topeka congregation by Treasurer Walter T. Miller	$ 600.00
To Princeton congregation by Temporary Treasurer S. A. S. Metheny	500.00
Total Disbursements	$1,100.00
Balance at this date	$5,290.20

This amount includes appropriations not yet drawn, but which must, for the time at least, be held in reserve.

The time for which Walter T. Miller was elected to the Board, has expired, and his place should be filled. Also a Treasurer for the Board of Church Erection should be elected by Synod.

As the Board, by the removal of Rev J. C. Slater to Geneva, and the enfeebled condition of Mr. Walter T. Miller is reduced to small number, your Board would recommend that R. J. Bole, elder in First Beaver Falls, but resident in New York, Elder William Browne, of Third New York, and Elder Samuel Carmichel, of Brooklyn be added to the Board.

An appropriation of $4,000 is asked for the work of the coming year.

By order of the Board,
F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that the sum of $2,608.54 has been received from bequests, endowments and from congregations and that this was used to make up the salaries of ministers according to the appropriations of the Synod.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman.
A. C. COULTER, Rec. Secretary.
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Secretary.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report One hundred and seventy-five delegates have participated in the

fund. A tax of $4.60 per capita has been levied upon the delegates to meet the deficit.

Receipts.

Quotas collected from Presbyteries	$2,705.10
Deficit tax levied on delegates	805.00
Balance from last year's committee	3.74
	$3,513.84

Disbursements.

Expenses on account of 175 delegates	$3,503.74
Balance	$ 10.10

Presbyteries.	Delegates.	Expenses.	Quota.	Deficit
Colorado	6	$ 403.00	$ 165.50	$ 27.60
Iowa	12	146.10	217.50	55.20
Illinois	15	194.54	225.00	69.00
Kansas	33	928.51	479.40	151.80
N. B. & N. S.	3	165.67	34.20	13.80
New York	17	577.00	477.00	78.20
Ohio	25	233.02	240.90	115.00
Philadelphia	5	106.90	155.40	23.00
Pittsburg	50	517.59	626.70	230.00
Rochester	9	231.41	85.50	41.40
	175	$3,503.74	$2,705.10	$805.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN H. PRITCHARD, Chairman,
And Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

The Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:30. Prayer by A. J. McFarland, Sr.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, May 31, 8:30 A. M. Synod convened at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by F. M. Foster.

The roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: J. S. Arthur, G. W. Benn, R. J. Cathcart, D. H. Coulter, E. A. Crooks, J. F. Crozier, R. M. Downie, E. M. Elsey, Robert Henry, J. H. Pritchard, S. G. Shaw, J. C. Slater, J. E. Wilson and R. G. Young.

Synod spent one-half hour in worship led by R. A. Blair.

The Minutes of the evening session were read and corrected.

The following were excused from attendance on the further sessions of the Synod: H. H. George, W. J. Elliott, W. J. Smith and W. A. Hervey.

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was laid on the table.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was amended and adopted.

Item 5 was recommitted.

The report was laid on the table for the present.

Synod resolved to now take up the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Committee presented its report, which was read and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 6 inclusive were adopted.

Pending the discussion of this report the Synod took recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Evan Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

Same place, May 31, 1:30 P. M. Synod reconvened and was opened with prayer by J. C. K. Faris. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the morning session were read. E. G. Elsey and D. B. Elsey were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. S. W. Patterson, of the Presbyterian Church.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was made the order of the day for this evening immediately on the opening of Synod.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Items 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

R. M. Sommerville and S. A. S. Metheny addressed the Synod on behalf of the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

R. A. Blair, W. M. Robb, Julius Kempf, J. S. Stewart,

C. A. Dodds and Calvin McCarroll, M. D., missionaries now home from the various fields addressed the Synod in regard to the condition and the needs of the work in the fields which they represent.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would report:

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions has been referred to us, and as we consider the occurrences of the past year we are assured that, while God's Providences seem mysterious to us, yet they in no way release us from the obligations we are under to extend the Gospel invitation widely in the fields we occupy. We can rest in the confidence that God will never turn his messengers bearing his word backward. But is only rearranging forces for a more effective movement.

We believe a heart of sympathy that suffers with the need of the heathen world is the great need of the church. And if the missionaries now at home can awaken this, their work will be a great blessing. There is no way this sympathy can be established in the home church so satisfactorily as by prayer, and thus we grow like the Master by keeping in touch with Him.

The great stirring of the people in both our fields are indications that point to great opportunities and we dare not neglect this open door.

It would be disaster at such a time for us to stop and measure what we are planning by what others have done, or were likely to do, or what we ourselves had done in the past. Our only measure should be our ability, viewed in the light of God's generous dealings with us, and the cry that comes to us out of the darkness.

We desire to express our hearty endorsement of the resolutions of the Board as shown in their report under (a), (b), (c) and (d), in which they plan great things for God, and assure them of our hearty co-operation in all forward movements.

We send to the missionaries on the field this message, "when you are pressing forward in the work in new fields, or holding ground already won, you can rely on us to stand back of you with every support at our command."

We receive the missionaries coming home with lowered energy or enfeebled health into our hearts and assure them of our purpose that the strong ones of our sons and daughters shall go forth to the help of the Lord against these mighty forces that have called so heavily on their strength.

We recommend:—

1. The election of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny as Treasurer of all funds for the Foreign Mission. That he shall give a good and sufficient bond and deposit all money in the bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Treasurer of Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and shall so sign his checks on same.

2. Your committee has noted in the report of the Board that Mr. Walter T. Miller, the Treasurer of Foreign Mission funds, became during the winter, so enfeebled that he laid down the duties of Treasurer. That this became necessary, causes us sorrow, but being the will of the Head of the Church, Synod bears testimony to Mr. Miller's high Christian character, and to his value in Synod as an Elder. Especially does Synod bear testimony to Mr. Miller's efficiency as Mission Treasurer. All these long years, he discharged the duties of the office with a breadth of view; with a clearness of insight; with such wisdom in administration; with such scrupulous honesty that he may be set as a model. The church can scarcely know the time and energy which Mr. Miller has given. Synod earnestly desires and prays that the days remaining to Mr. Miller may be full of grace, mercy and peace.

3. We hereby direct Mr. Walter T. Miller or his representative to turn over to Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer, all money, books and all other property connected with the office of Treasurer of the Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The receipt of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer, shall be a sufficient discharge of Walter T. Miller from all obligations.

4. In case the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission be unable to discharge the duties of his office, the Board shall be authorized to appoint one of their number to act as Treasurer until the next meeting of Synod.

5. That the Board of Foreign Missions be urged to push forward the work by personal and public appeals to the church at home, and we approve of their sending men out into the congregations to present the claims of the foreign fields.

6. That we pledge these fields our hearty prayers and that we will seek to cultivate a lively sympathy with the heathen in their need. That we will seek more fully to meet the call of God to consecrate our sons and daughters to the work in the foreign field.

7. We desire to attain more fully the grace of liberality and will welcome every opporunity to exercise this gift and will aim to keep supplied the money needed to properly prosecute this work.

8. That the Board of Foreign Missions arrange for a Conference on Missions on Friday evening of the next meeting of Synod.

9. That pastors and sessions encourage the organization of Mission Study Classes in all our congregations, and that the Board

of Foreign Missions again designate one or more suitable text books for use in such classes this coming year.

W. W. CARITHERS,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
A. A. WYLIE,
W. R. STERRETT,
WM. PEARCE,
Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

"Clouds and darkness are round about Him, but justice and righteousness are the habitation of His throne." These words suggest themselves to us, as we recall events that have taken place in connection with the Foreign Missions during the past year. A few months ago we missed from its meetings the efficient Treasurer of the Board, Mr. Walter T. Miller, who has served the Church in that office since 1872, at great personal sacrifice and with singular fidelity to its foreign missionary operations. In his enforced retirement from business and from Church activities we lose the co-operation of a brother whose distinctive personality has left an ineffaceable impress on all his associates, and who has so won the hearts of the missionaries by his interest in their comfort that every letter from the fields records some loving expression of appreciation and a prayer for his restoration, if that is the Lord's will. In the middle of the winter word came from the doctors at Tak Hing that Rev. William M. Robb, just when he was able to preach in Chinese, would have to return home for an indefinite period, owing to the failing health of his wife, who had also acquired such a use of the Chinese vernacular that she could easily teach the truth to the natives in their own tongue. Their arrival in this country after some testing experiences on the way brings with it a request that their names should be retained on the roll of foreign missionaries, without salary, till it can be seen what developments there may be in the case of Mrs. Robb, who seems to be steadily gaining, and may be completely restored after a furlough of two summers in America. More recently Mrs. J. M. Wright, after weary weeks in the hospital, her life trembling in the balance, has been given back to a measure of health, but on the order of the physicians at Hong Kong she will have to spend a few months in the United States. A woman of untiring energy, adding to her home duties as wife and mother work peculiar to the missionary and refusing any remuneration for those services, Mrs. Wright would not leave the field only that, in the judgment of men who understand her case, the change is imperative, and her equally devoted husband, Dr. Wright, will remain at his post. Into

these providences of the Mediator we cannot penetrate, but we can apprehend and appreciate His moral qualities in the administration of human affairs. Speaking of the massacres in Adana and vicinity, in which thousands of Christians lost their lives, Rev. Robert E. Willson says, "Out of the midst of the cloud God hath shined forth to make His mighty power known. The work of missions has gone forward and its enemies have had set before their eyes an example of Christan charity, self-sacrifice and helpfulness which ought to be a great factor in teaching them the power of the Christian religion." As Mr. Ruskin says in "Modern Painters," "For my part, I enjoy the mystery. We should not be less grateful for summer rain or see less beauty in the clouds of morning, because they come to prove us with hard questions."

Department of Preaching and School Work.

A resume of the annual statements from the Missions is all that need be given to the churches at present. Admirably written and full of intensely interesting details, these papers should be studied carefully when published in connection with this report.

Syria—Beginning with the fields in the Levant, we discover many indications that the advance movement, which is stirring this country from center to circumference, has reached Syria, showing itself not so much in large numbers of converts as in devotion of our representatives and the multitudes that, through their consecrated efforts, are being brought into contact with the truth. An addition of twelve to the membership of the Church is not large, nor is it to be despised, in view of the disturbed condition of the country during and since the Moslem uprising last spring. And who can tell in how many hearts the germs of eternal life have been planted by the evangelism of our brethren. Is it nothing that the two ministers stationed here not only keep Latakia and seven outstations supplied with preaching, but go out on tours that demand much time and energy, Mr. Edgar covering six hundred miles in thirty-eight days and preaching ten times in Arabic, and Mr. McFarland covering seventeen hundred miles in one hundred and one days and preaching fifty-four sermons in Arabic? Is it nothing that in that one center, with its outlying villages, there are five hundred and seventy-five pupils in Sabbath Schools and six hundred and fifty under the daily religious instruction of twenty-seven Christian teachers in seventeen schools, one hundred of these in the boarding department of the Latakia schools, where boys and girls in equal numbers enjoy all the advantages of Christian homes? Is it nothing that seven new schools have been opened at the urgent request of mountain villages and that similar requests are sure to come from other places? Is it nothing that the

converts are being trained, as never before, in self-support and in giving for religious and benevolent purposes? Listen to a few instances culled from the statement that Mr. McFarland has prepared for the Board: "In nearly all of the outside schools," the people provide "a home for the school and teacher," while "$166 have been collected from the boys and $57 from the girls in the Latakia Boarding Schools;" "the organization of a Sabbath School and midweek prayer meeting and a weekly offering, the fruit of a brief holiday spent at Gunaimia by Miss Edgar and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph last summer," and perhaps the accession of ten at a recent communion in that village, may be traced to the same source; "at Suadia the people having been paying half the wages of the Bible woman;" the wives of the missionaries have organized a sewing society in Latakia, which "is attended by many who are not Protestants, but listen with rapt attention, while the Bible reader from the hospital reads and explains to them a portion of the precious Word at the opening of each meeting," and "they are supporting a woman primary teacher and Bible reader at the Nusairia village of Bahamra"; and finally, the congregation at Latakia, having decided to make offerings for four of the Church schemes, the first and only one yet taken "amounted to $38, largely from the native members." Away with the idea that our oldest mission is making no progress.

At a recent meeting of the Board, Rev. James S. Stewart was appointed to take charge of the Boys' school in this field and to conduct a Theological Class for the instruction and training of a native ministry, and two students are watching for his return. Miss Edgar was transferred to the Girls' School and will have responsible charge of this department of the work, with Miss Anna Louisa Crockett, who was commissioned Oct. 5, 1909, and will go out this autumn with Mr. Stewart and his family, as her assistant, in place of Miss Zada Patton, who has tendered her resignation and will be married to Rev. J. D. Edgar, of Cyprus, in July. Miss Wylie, who has conducted the school with unwearying diligence and success for about thirty-five years, was appointed City Visitor. A letter recently received from Syria informs us that this re-arranngement of the work has the hearty endorsement of the Mission.

Asia Minor—In Asia Minor, as in Syria, there are not wanting signs of progress. Here, as there, the work is carried on through preaching, school teaching and house-to-house visitation. In **Mersina** there is public worship every Sabbath, though the attendance is not large and there are few conversions. After the service on Saturday preceding the Communion that closed the week of prayer,

there were eight applicants for membership in the Church, but on examination it was deemed not wise to receive them till after a longer period of probation. In both departments of the Boarding Schools the forty-four girls in charge of Miss Sterrett and the fifty-three boys under the direction of Miss Elma French "special attention is given to daily instruction in the word of God, believing that the promise is sure, 'It shall not return unto Me void.'" Mr Willson lays great emphasis in his statement on the visiting from house to house. Speaking of the Bible Reader in Mersina, he says, "This form of the work we look upon as very important, both because it gives opportunity for direct personal work in pressing home the claims of the gospel, and because it reaches those who do not come under the influence of the preaching service or the schools. We are earnestly hoping and praying that we may soon find opportunity to enlarge this work."

In **Tarsus** a native evangelist has had charge of the work for many years and has proved himself a servant of the Lord, at once efficient and faithful. At the Communion in December, 1909, there were twenty-four applicants for admission, but, as they were not well instructed, only six were received into the fellowship of the Church and one who had been suspended was restored to full privileges Among these applicants was a Moslem woman, who was kept back at that time, but she has since accepted the Christ as her Savior and pledged herself to His service in the ordinance of baptism. The evangelist reports an encouraging attendance of from eighty to one hundred on Sabbath services and an enrollment of 100 at the school. The prominent place that the fellaheen holds in this school challenges attention. One of the teachers is a Fellah Sheikh, and sixty-two of his pupils are fellaheen, while in a special class for daily Bible study, which Mr. Luttoof himself conducts for the more advanced pupils, in addition to the regular instruction in the Scriptures, there are seventeen fellaheen young men, "all taking," as he says, "a keen interest in the study." To meet this awakened interest among the fellaheen, the Mission has appointed a Bible woman to work especially among them in Tarsus.

The work in **Adana** was interrupted by the Moslem massacres a year ago, in which two of our members were killed. But the evangelist who has continued to hold religious services in his own house for lack of more suitable accommodation, is able to speak of increasing attendance and interest. For details the church must read the annual statement from the Mission.

In these three cities, with outlying village, there are 120 pupils in Sabbath schools, and 272 under daily religious instruction

during the year, and at its close there were seventy-five Church members in good and regular standing.

As to the outlook in this field, we quote the words of Mr. Willson, who, being on the ground, can speak from observation and near at hand study of the question: "The events of the past summer, the revolution and counter revolution in Constantinople, the massacres in this vicinity, the deposition of the old Sultan, have all left the country in general in a strange state of unrest.....

"In the midst of uncertainty and many discouragements there are some things which give us ground to hope that a day of greater opportunity is near..... Other places have already realized some fruit in the calls for the opening of schools in places where work has never been carried on.

"The very fact that the empire of Turkey is seemingly at a turning point constitutes the call and challenge to Christianity. However unsatisfactory conditions may seem to be, it should not beget discouragement in us or cause us to slack our zeal, but should drive us to the Throne in more earnest and persistent and faithful prayer, for the disposition of affairs is in the hands of the enthroned Mediator, Who is able to make even the wrath of man to praise Him.' Greater diligence and zeal on the part of workers, more fully manned stations and above all more prevailing and believing prayer should be America's answer, and our Church's answer to Turkey in her crying need."

Cyprus—The report from Cyprus is full of encouraging incidents, the most important being the arrival of Rev. J. D. Edgar and the opening of the school of which he is head master. Among its sixty pupils of five different nationalities are two Arabic-speaking boys from our school in Latakia, who, as Mr. McCarroll writes, "have done splendid work and give promise of development into excellent workers for the Lord. Another boy in this advanced class is from Mersina, a son of one of the members there, and we are hopeful that his life also will be given to the Lord in willing service." In this class there is also a Moslem young man who is almost persuaded to confess Christ, and we do not wonder that our missionary believes that the school will prove an evangelistic agency of great efficiency. A short time ago a Moslem wrote, inquiring as to the terms on which he could place his son in the Boarding School. On visiting him, in company with Mr. Edgar, they learned that he was the most influential man in the community, and that, "though it was a Mohammedan village, the people had little knowledge of their own religion or language, were not fanatical, and seemed open to the reception of the truth." This man will send his son to the school next year, and it is a fair in-

ference of Mr. McCarroll that many others will follow in course of time

Another incident of importance is the death of Mr. Peponiades, a man of wealth and influence, who had willed to the Cyprus Mission "two-thirds of all of his movable and immovable property." The probating of the will was contested by the heirs on the ground that "the law does not allow a man to will away more than two-thirds of his estate, one-third being reserved by law for the legal heirs." And our missionary, who was executor, very wisely, on the advice of the King's Advocate, took steps to settle the matter out of court. Thus a fund of between seven and eight thousand dollars has been secured to the Church for the benefit of the work on the island.

In this field there are at present only twenty-four members, and yet, Mr. McCarroll says, in reporting a net decrease of seven, "the prospects have never been so bright..... Doors of opportunity are being opened to us and without doubt fruit will result in the future, if only we have faith and energy to enter the open doors."

China—The report from China indicates that the work in that field has had its elevating and its depressing features, alternate light and shade. And yet good results are visible in every direction. The most important event in the history of the Mission was the organization of a congregation at Tak Hing, Oct. 4, 1909, with seven elders, five deacons and a present membership of one hundred and twenty-two, courting the American women who handed in certificates from their home congregations at the date of the organization. The officers are all Chinese except Dr. J. M. Wright, who is a member of the Session, and Mrs. A. I. Robb, who is on the Board of Deacons. We need not give any particulars, as the Commission, appointed by the Synod of 1908, will present a detailed report. Rev. J. K. Robb was appointed Moderator of Session, and has charge of all the services connected with the Robert McNeil Memorial Chapel. In his opinion some of the converts are growing in knowledge and grace. And with a view to their spiritual development, he "presses upon the people not only the rudimentary and fundamental truths, such as repentance, faith and kindred topics, but the duties growing out of their acceptance of them."

Besides the duties of the training school and translating, Rev. A. I. Robb has been employed in opening up new work in the country and evangelistic efforts in those places. Buildings have been bought or rented and repaired for chapels at Ma Hui, ten miles norteast, and at Tung On, a county seat, thirty miles southeast, from Tak Hing, and in both places the work is largely in the hands of trained natives. At Ko Che, where the converts stood

so loyally for Christ and the truth under very severe persecution a year ago, they have purchased a new site with the intention of erecting a place of worship. "In the work connected with the opening of these chapels, their repair, the stationing of workers and subsequent visits," Mr. Robb has "made twenty-nine trips into the country, fifteen of them occupying one day each, and fourteen of them ranging from two to eight days, making a total of sixty-four days." And on these occasions he has conducted fifty-six regular services.

A few sentences from Rev. E. C. Mitchell's report of the five trips he made to the country give a good idea of the exhausting labors of our missionaries and of the eagerness of the Chinese to hear the gospel. Of the meetings held each evening during three or four days, he writes: "We usually had good opportunities for presenting the gospel, the people crowding in sometimes till not only the seats, but standing room as well was taken up..... The speaker may be tired, but the toils of the journey are all forgotten when a human being, who perhaps has never before had an opportunity to hear the gospel preached is seen eagerly listening to the message."

The value of the colporteur work, also in charge of Mr. Mitchell, is seen in the reported sale of five Bibles, twenty New Testaments, 3053 gospels and Acts and 633 tracts during the year.

The magistrate has at last stamped the deeds for the property at Do S ng, and Mr. Mitchell is busily engaged in superintending the erection of a building, the lower story to be used as a chapel and dispensary and the upper as living rooms for the missionaries

A very important factor in the work at Tak Hing is the schools. In the Boys' School, under the supervision of Rev. Julius A. Kempf, special prominence is given to distinctively Christian teaching. He reports that 'all the pupils are required to attend Sabbath School and preaching in the chapel every Sabbath morning," and that the boarders have to attend in the afternoon as well, and also Tuesday evening services in the school building, and the weekly prayer meeting on Thursday. He also writes: "Every morning I conduct devotional exercises and hear the boys recite their Bible lessons. During the second term I met with the boys in the dormitory every Sabbath and Friday evening for the study of the Old Testament. We covered the story of the creation and the lives of Joseph and David. The boys were especially interested in the character studies, and it afforded a good opportunity to impress upon their minds the fact that the good in the lives of those two men and their greatness were due to their desire and purpose to do the will of the living and true God, and to the Spirit of God dwelling in them." And what was the result? "During the year

three of the boys were baptized and received into the Church. Two others made a confession of their faith in Christ." The women's and girls' schools show similar attention to devotional teaching and similar results. Three girls and two women were received into the membership of the Church, while others are believers and have expressed a desire to be baptized when they have sufficient knowledge. For information as to the needs of this schools, the churches should read Mr. Kempf's statement to the Board.

We cannot more appropriately close this part of our report than with the words of our senior missionary: The work has some bright spots and some very dark shadows. The imperfect conception of Christian character and life held by many of our converts, the apparent greed for gain in some, the fear of man and failure to testify for Christ, the low spiritual life in which we missionaries too often set a very imperfect example, would lead us at times to say, 'I have labored in vain. I have spent my strength for naught and in vain.' On the other hand, when we see the faithfulness of some, their wonderful capacity for enduring persecution, the slowly growing courage and capacity of the Church for taking responsibility, when we see the gospel, in spite of a determined anti-Christian national spirit, with its accompanying misrepresentation and calumny, taking root and growing and still proving itself the power of God unto salvation, we are able to say with conviction, 'There is real life here,'....There is never a doubt that God is moving in this great nation."

Medical Department.

Turning to the medical department of our Missions, we find that they contiue to demonstrate their efficiency as evangelistic agencies, and emphasize the importance of sending into the fields a large number of Christian physicians and professional nurses. Dr. Balph, though burdened with the relief work rendered necessary by the massacres of last spring, has, in addition to tri-weekly clinics, made thirteen hundred visits to out-patients and treated ninety-eight cases in the Hospital. And in this way many have heard the gospel who might otherwise have died in ignorance of the Saviour, and some have shown their interest in the Christian teaching of the Hospital by attending church services after being discharged. The Head Nurse, Miss Elsey, besides her other duties, has one of the employees under instruction and training for professional nursing. This is a step in advance.

In Asia Minor the work is scarcely begun. Dr. Peoples secured permission to practice his profession in Turkey, May 1, 1909, just at an hour when there was pressing need of the skillful hand

of a Christian surgeon in Adana, the central scene of Moslem outrages, and on reaching Mersina he went at once to that city, where he remained till Jan. 1, 1910, "in connection with a hospital organized to relieve the suffering attendant on the massacres, but which is being continued as a permanent institution under the direction of the American Board missionaries." The Doctor is now in Mersina, and reports for the last three months of the Mission year, 177 professional visits and 121 treated at clinics.

The medical work in China has been carried on under many disadvantages. The Drs. McBurney were sent on furlough for the greater part of the year, and Dr. Wright, medical director of the Mission, was necessarily detained at Hong Kong for many weeks, owing to the serious illness of his wife. But notwithstanding this temporary weakening of the force, the work, as statistics prove, has not been without good results. Dr. Ida M. Scott, to whose lot it fell to prepare the annual statement, reports the Dispensary open every day, and expresses the hope that many have derived spiritual benefit from the words spoken there. Though, as she writes, her knowledge of the language is very limited, "the native helpers are all Christians, and are most diligent in telling of the Great Physician." In the Hospital the patients are brought daily into "touch with the gospel, worship being conducted morning and evening in the wards with those who are not able to go to the chapel." Speaking of itinerating, she records the opinion that "if some one could give his or her whole time to this work it would be one of the most valuable ways of carrying the gospel into dark places."

Statistics.

Looking over this summary of what has been done during the year, we are able to state in a single sentence that in our two Missions, there are 485 native Church members, 46 added during the year, a net increase of 27; 780 pupils in Sabbath schools and 974 under constant Christian instruction.

Advance Movement.

During the winter the Foreign Board has been much in prayer for the missionary work under its supervision, and after earnest discussions, has agreed on certain tentative measures for widening its boundaries and increasing its efficiency, which are herewith presented to this Assembly of the Elders and through them to the churches intrusted to their pastoral care. A committee, consisting of Dr. J. C. McFeeters and Elders Dr. S. A. S. Metheny and William G. Carson, appointed to devise some plan of operation, reported

to the Board a circular letter and a list of queries intended to elicit the personal views of the missionaries as to the present condition and needs of the Missions. These were mailed to the friends and a response received from each of our representatives, male and female. In this way it was ascertained that in selecting a territory in Syria extending from Suadia to Tartoos, more than one hundred miles along the Mediterranean, and reaching inland to the River Orontes and a territory fifty miles square on the West River in China, we had made ourselves responsible for the evangelization of about 1,800,000 souls who are ignorant of the only Saviour and without hope in the world. "To occupy these fields," wrote the chairman of the committee, "with one minister for every 25,000 (the usual estimate) would require seventy ministers instead of twelve, our present number, and a greatly increased expenditure of money, though not in the same proportion, for the field, when cultivated, will doubtless grow into a good degree of self-support. While such an increase cannot be utilized immediately, yet we wish to keep the need ever before the Church, and work rapidly toward that end, that at the earliest day the complete evangelization of all these fields may be a glorious reality." A series of resolutions were then adopted, of which we record the following: (a) We inform the Church of the ultimate need of seventy ministers, native and foreign, for our Mission fields, on the basis of one to every 25,000 population, and physicians, teachers and nurses, in a proportionate number; and the purpose of the Board to push the work, so as to cover the entire territory at the earliest day. (b) The Board presses upon Synod the present urgent need of twenty-five additional misionaries, six ministers, five physicians, eleven teachers, two trained nurses and a hospital matron; these to be distributed among the Missions according to the present necessity of each. (c) We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the liberal responses of Covenanters to the incessant appeals for means to sustain and extend our Missions, and are confident that a great onward movement will be accepted by them as their opportunity for investing more of their wealth, both for heaven and earth. (d) We instruct our missionaries to require the native members of the Church to give of their means according to their ability to support the ordinances, and to urge upon them the duty of tithing their net income for the Lord's work.

Items Needing Official Action.

We close our report with a few items that require the action of Synod:

1. The election of a Treasurer for the Foreign Missions in the place of Mr. Walter T. Miller, who is no longer able to at-

tend to business, and we recommend for that office Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, who is, on the unanimous choice of the Board, acting as temporary Treasurer. We request Synod to authorize Mr. Miller or his legal representative to transfer to the new Treasurer, whoever he may be, all check accounts, deposit receipts or other temporary investments held by Mr. Miller, and his receipt as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall be payment in full of all demands of this Synod against Walter T. Miller or his legal representative. We also request the Synod to authorize the Board, in case of the death or necessary retirement of a Treasurer, to appoint one of its members to fill the vacancy, the Treasurer in this and every other case to be bonded.

2. Permission to call for money to complete a building in Gunaimia, Syria, and in Latakia, on property the Church owns there, a house for the second missionary, so that it will not be necessary for him to live with his family in comfortless and perhaps unhealthy quarters, any balance to be the nucleus of a building fund. Also permission to acquire property for church and school and hospital purposes in one or more of the three cities of Asia Minor, where our representatives are at work. And it may be mentioned in this connection that the title to the property in Tarsus for the purchase of which more than enough money was contributed some time ago is still unsettled.

3. Approval of the action of the Board in continuing Rev. R. A. Blair as Field Secretary to keep alive the interest in the Foreign Mission enterprises that he has kindled throughout the churches by his magentic addresses.

4. Endorsement of the proposal of the Board already outlined, to summon the Covenanter Church to take its proper place in the van of the missionary hosts, meeting to the full measure of its ability the twentieth century challenge to Christianity.

5. An appropriation of $20,000 for the Levant Missions and $20,000 for the Mission in China, the standard that the church should aim to reach.

Respectfully submitted,
In the name of the Board,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
Corresponding Sec'y.

The Minutes of the Syrian Commission were read, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod. They are as follows:

MINUTES OF SYRIAN COMMISSION.

Latakia, Syria, Apr. 5, 1910.

The Syrian Commission met at the call of the chairman, the members from Latakia only being present. Dr. Balph being appointed chairman and Mr. McFarland, clerk pro tem., it was decided to fix the time of the meeting of the Commission as early in April 1911 as convenient, the chairman to issue the call for the same. Owing to the absence of so many of the members on account of furloughs, it was found impracticable to attempt a regular meeting during 1910.

J. M. BALPH, Chairman.
A. J. McFARLAND, Clerk pro tem.

The report of the China Commission, accompanied with the Commission's Minutes was presented. The report and the Minutes were read. The report was adopted, and together with the Minutes of the Commission was ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMISSION APPOINTED BY SYNOD OF 1908 TO ORGANIZE A CONGREGATION AT TAK HING, CHINA.

Tak Hing, February 4th, 1910.

Your Commission would respectfully report:

We held our first meeting on September 27th, 1909, and fixed October 4th as the date for the election of elders and deacons for the Tak Hing congregation.

This date was selected because it immediately followed the annual week of conference and Bible study when there would be gathered at the mission as large a representation of the congregation as could be called together.

On October 4th the Commission met with the congregation in the chapel.

Besides a goodly number of friends and inquirers there were present 80 native Christians out of a membership of 113.

The moderator read I Timothy 3:1-13; and Titus 1:5-10 and delivered a sermon explaining the duties of elders and deacons and the kind of persons best suited for the performance of such duties.

After the sermon the congregation proceeded with the election of officers. Parliamentary rules being even more foreign to the Chinese than the Ten Commandments, the Moderator had considerable to do in directing the nomination of and voting for candidates.

The following were elected as elders:

Chung Sik Man. Age 67. A dignified and venerable head of the Chung clan. He is well able to uphold the dignity of the eldership. His village is 30 miles south of the Mission.

Taam Hei Shing. Age 69. A kind and fatherly old man. Not noted for literary ability but always ready, by good example and in simple language, to commend the Gospel to his fellow men. His home is in the mountains 18 miles north of the Mission.

Chan Tsz King. Age 62. His steadfastness in the face of persecution and his experimental knowledge of the Gospel, fit him for the office, while his advanced age and scholarly ability will command the respect of all. He lives 32 miles south of the mission.

Leung Mau Hing. Age 40. A teacher in the boys school. A well educated Chinese but without the conceit common among the Chinese scholars. He is noted for his humility and integrity of character.

Chung On Taai. Age 36. A humble minded and devout Christian, zealous for the faith. Took the three years course in the training school and is now preaching regularly at Ma Hui, ten miles northeast of the Mission.

Dr. J. M. Wright, with whom the church is already acquainted. He has won the good will and affection of many of the natives. His counsel and admonitions are respected by all who know him.

Chue Hon Shang. Age 31. Has taken the three years course in the training school. Is a deep thinker and a close student of the Scriptures. Is well able to expound the Word and get at its deeper meaning. He hires a house, in his own village at his own expense, and uses it as a chapel where he is often found preaching and teaching the Doctrine.

Much more might be said of the Christian character of these men and their fitness for the office. From what has been said it will be recognized that the session combines the stability and conservatism of old age with the zeal and progressive sprit of those younger in years. That it is composed of men from different sections of the field and from different stations in life so that the congregation is well represented in its session.

The following were elected as deacons:

Lei Lin Cheung. A Chinese scholar and teacher. is now taking a course in the mission training school.

Loh Kwan Ying. A faithful, conscientious Christian woman. A worker in the womans school and wielding a good and large influence among the women.

Mrs. I. A. Robb. Formerly a deacon in the Seattle congrega-

tion. Her experience in the office will be invaluable to the new board of deacons.

Che Sz Man. A Chinese doctor. He had a year in the training school and will reenter when the school opens for the next term

Chan Chi Tung. A cook employed in the mission. Is now taking a course in the training school. He is noted for his liberality.

During the early part of December the officers elect received three or four days' special instruction in the duties of elders and deacons, and on December 16th they were examined by the commission. The intelligent answers given to the question put to them showed that they had a good knowledge of what was expected of them as elders and deacons and that they were duly impressed with the importance and dignity of the office.

After the examination the terms and queries were put to each of the officers separately.

The commission unanimously sustained the examination.

Elders elect Chung Sik Man and Chan Tsz King were not present at this examination.

On December 30th the commission met to examine Chung Sik Man. The examination was conducted in the same manner as at the previous meeting and was heartily sustained by the commission.

Friday, December 31st, the commission met with the congregation in the chapel and proceeded with the ordination and installation of officers.

Eighty-nine members of the congregation and a goodly number of friends and inquirers were present.

The edict was read for the third time.

Rev. J. K. Robb preached the ordination sermon using as text Psalm 87:3.

After the sermon the Moderator reviewed the previous steps and then invited the officers to come forward and in the presence of the congregation give their assent to the queries.

The ordination prayer was offered by the Moderator. This part of the service was very impressive, especially to the Chinese. It was the first time they had ever witnessed such a ceremony. While the officers were on their knees and the hands of the commission were laid on the heads of each as the Moderator uttered the prayed of consecration, the perfect silence and the expression and attitude of the audience indicated their appreciation of the solemnity of the occasion.

The charge to the officers was given by J. A. Kempf and the charge to the people by the Moderator.

After the services the officers came forward and signed the terms of communion.

Elder elect Chan Tsz King was not present at the ordination services or the meeting for the examination of officers. His absence was due, not to any lack of interest or willingness on his part but to old age and ill health.

The members of the commission consider themselves highly honored in being permitted to have a part in the organization of this, the first congregation in our China mission.

Your missionaries at Tak Hing rejoice in the privilege of seeing the native Christians in sufficient numbers and at such a stage of progress in the Christian life where it is fitting for them to be formally organized into a congregation of God's people, and that there are among them those who are able and willing to take upon themselves a measure of the responsibility for the church's spiritual and temporal welfare.

The Church in the home land will be interested in watching the progress of this new congregation. We trust that her interest will not be merely that of a distant spectator but that she will have such a desire and concern for this congregation's welfare as will constrain her to often bear it before the throne of grace and offer earnest prayer in its behalf, that God may use it mightily for the overthrow of the powers of darkness, and the establishment of Christ's kingdom in China.

Respectfully submitted,

A. I. ROBB, Moderator.

J. A. KEMPF, Clerk.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION APPOINTED BY SYNOD OF 1908 TO ORGANIZE A CONGREGATION AT TAK HING, CHINA.

Tak Hing, September 27th, 1909.

The Commission, consisting of A. I. Robb, Moderator; J. K. Robb, W. M. Robb, E. C. Mitchell, R. A. Blair, J. M. Wright and J. A. Kempf met at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. R. A. Blair was absent having left the field on account of eye trouble.

By motion J. A. Kempf was appointed to act as clerk of the Commission.

Motion—Carried, that we proceed with the organization of a congregation at Tak King.

By motion Monday, Oct. 4th was appointed as the date for the election of officers for the congregation.

The commission adjourned to meet Monday, Oct. 4th, at 10 a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. K. Robb.

Tak Hing, October 4th, 1909.

The commission met with the congregation at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator read I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-10, and explained to the congregation the duties of elders and deacons and the kind of persons best suited for the performance of such duties.

The following persons were elected as elders:

Chung Sik Man, Taam Hei Shing, Dr. J. M. Wright, Chan Tsz King, Leung Mau Hing, Chung On Taai, Chue Hon Shang.

The following persons were elected as deacons:

Lei Liu Cheung, Loh Kwan Ying, Mrs. A. I. Robb, Che Sz Man and Chan Chi Tung.

Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. J. K. Robb.

Tak Hing, December 16th, 1909.

Commission met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

All the members of the commission in China were present excepting Rev. W. M. Robb.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read, corrected and adopted.

By motion, Friday, December 31st, 10 a. m. was appointed as the day and time for the ordination of elders and deacons.

By motion Rev. J. K. Robb was appointed to preach the ordination sermon.

Rev. J. A. Kempf was appointed to give the charge to the officers.

Rev. A. I. Robb was appointed to give the charge to the people.

The commission proceeds with the examination of the officers elect.

Elders elect Chung Sik Man and Chan Tsz King were not able to be present.

After the examination the terms and queries were put to each officer separately.

By motion the examination of all was sustained unanimously.

Commission adjourned to meet Dec. 31st at 10 a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. C. Mitchell.

Tak Hing, December 30th, 1909.

The Commission met at the call of the Moderator to examine

elder elect Chung Sik Man, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Motion—Carried, to sustain call of this meeting.

The commission proceeded with the examination.

The examination was conducted in the same manner as at the previous meeting.

By motion the examination was sustained unanimously.

The clerk was instructed to write a full report of the different steps taken by the commission.

Mrs. Mitchell's certificate of membership was received and the clerk instructed to hand the same over to the clerk of the session.

Commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. K. Robb.

Tak Hing, December 31st, 1909.

The commission met with the congregation at the place and time appointed and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The ordination and installation of elders and deacons was carried out according to the directions given in the Book of Discipline.

The Commission appointed Rev. J. K. Robb to moderate the session.

The commission adjourned to meet February 4th, 1910.

Adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Tak Hing, February 4th, 1910.

The commission met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

The report of the Commission to Synod was read, amended and adopted.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. M. Robb

A. I. ROBB, Moderator.

J. A. KEMPF, Clerk.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was read, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

W. J. Coleman and J. S. Thompson addressed the Synod on behalf of the Missions under the care of this Board. W. J. Sanderson and S. F. Kingston addressed the Synod in regard to the work in the Southern Mission, and the Misses Fowler and Hayes of this Mission were introduced to the Synod. J. S. McGaw, who recently visited the Indian Mission,

spoke in regard to the work in this field as he had observed it. T. P. Stevenson spoke in behalf of the Jewish Mission.

Item 5 was added to the report.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Two papers were referred to us—the report of the Central Board of Missions and the report of the Jewish Mission Board. These indicate, in general, that the Home Mission work of the church is encouraging and that the workmen are faithful and zealous in times of discouragement, as well as of encouragement.

The contributions of the church have been quite generous and a substantial balance is reported in the various treasuries except that of the Domestic Mission which reports a deficit. In regard to the Southern Missions we are glad to note that notwithstanding changes in the working force by the resignation of some and the appointment of others new to the work, everything seems to have proceeded satisfactorily and your committee expresses the hope that the new appointees may see their way clear to continue their services in the mission.

Your committee would recommend:

1. Increased liberality on the part of the church, especially toward the Domestic Mission so that hereafter a balance rather than a deficit may be reported.

2. Earnest and continuous prayer on the part of the whole church for all the workers and especially for those who decide for Christ in our various missions, and who, because of such decision, are exposed to temptation and persecution.

3. That Dr. T. H. Acheson, Dr. R. J. G. McKnight and Rev. John Yates be elected members of the Central Board of Missions.

4. That Rev. J. S. Thompson and Dr. W. J. Coleman be heard on behalf of the Central Board of Missions and Dr. T. P. Stevenson on behalf of the Jewish Mission, in connection with the adoption of this report.

5. That the Synod renew the recommendation of last year in relation to the establishment of a mission among the Mountaineers of the Southland.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY,
J. R. WYLIE,
J. T. MITCHELL,
R. J. CATHCART,
J. R. DILL,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In making this, the fifty-sixth annual report of the Central Board of Missions, we have to record the death of Rev. Dr. J. W. Sproull, who for nearly forty years has been an active member of this Board and for nearly nineteen years its Chairman. He was constant in attendance on our meetings, when able to come, and took a great interest in the work of the Board. The Board recorded a minute of its appreciation of his life and services. The Rev. J. S. Thompson has been chosen Chairman in his place.

Domestic Mission.

We have held twelve regular meetings during the last year and one special meeting. The four quarterly installments of the Domestic Mission Fund have been paid out regularly in accordance with the reports of the Clerks of Presbyteries. We have sought in each case to deal with exact fairness and in strict accord with the instructions laid down by the Synod. In the case of Detroit we have judged that the prospects there justified us in appropriating a reasonable sum to help meet the expenses of the work until its needs and possibilities could be reported to Synod.

The Board followed the instructions of the Synod with regard to the proposed Mission among the Mountaineers of the Southland, but the response of the Church did not justify the Board in inaugurating the mission.

The receipts for the year have been	$15,029.40
The expenditures have been	14,440.10
Balance overdrawn	2,695.58

We request for this fund an appropriation of $12,000

Southern Mission.

Knox Academy, the institution about which our work in the Southern Mission centers, opened Oct. 4th, 1909, and closed the 23rd of May. Thanksgiving day and a week at holidays were the only vacations observed. The total enrollment in the Academy was 601 and the average attetndance 361. The teachers were on hand for the beginning of the school and have enjoyed good health, with the exception of Mrs. Robb, who was sick for a few weeks, and Miss Bess Wylie, who has been seriously ill, and unable to continue her work.

The Superintendent, the Rev. W. J. Sanderson, writes that "the work done this year has been along the same general lines as in previous years. Religious instruction has been faithfully imparted every day to all the pupils. During the year there has been

an average of 388 Bible verses and catechism questions committed by each pupil. In all the grades one-half hour has been given each day to this work, and one hour has been spent every Thursday morning in chapel in reciting the portions committed during the week. Your Superintendent has sought also to make some use of the opportunity daily afforded by the chapel exercises to impart Scripture truth. Two Sabbath Schools have been held each Sabbath during the year in the church, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The average attendance at the morning school was 161 and of the afternoon 170. The C. E. Society 26. The Blakeslee system was studied in the afternoon and O. T. History from the division of the kingdom to the coming of Christ was gone over."

In the industrial department the usual amount of work was done except in cooking, for which no teacher was secured. Miss Fowler in addition to her regular classes gave lessons in this to the girls of the Senior Class, that they might graduate with all the requirements fulfilled. The enrollment in the sewing department was 312 and 140 garments were made in addition to small articles. Eighteen boys received instruction in backsmithing and seventy-four in carpentry. The boys of the lower grades were trained in gymnastic exercises and marching.

The work in music has been under the care of Miss Wylie and Miss Marshall. Miss Wylie went to Selma at the holidays and did excellent work until she was taken ill. Miss Marshall has been at work throughout the year. There is a possibility of doing much good for the school in this department. The work consists mainly in training the grades in vocal music and in giving private lessons on the piano. Prof. Bottoms has also brought up the brass band to a degree of efficiency which makes Knox the possessor of the best band of its kind in the community.

It is expected that six will graduate, three young men and three young women. In addition to their diplomas the young men will receive certificates from the blacksmithing department, and the young women from the sewing and cooking departments.

Most of the teachers visit the pupils in their homes that they may in this way gain the confidence of both parents and children and lead them to a better Christian life. Miss Fowler has done good work in conducting Bible classes for girls after the regular school hours and also in holding meetings for mothers in the homes. Miss Frazier has organized her grade into a mission band and is training them to be interested in the welfare of others.

Temperance oratorical contests have been undertaken this year among the pupils and are becoming a great success. Miss Hays has been appointed superintendent of this work and Miss Fowler

assistant. This means much work for them, and the results have not been small from any point of view.

The enrollment in East Selma was 104 and the average attendance 68. There is Sabbath School each Sabbath with an enrollment of 140. The school at Pleasant Grove, taught by Mrs. L. Kynett, had an enrollment of 91 and an average attendance of 39. The Sabbath School numbered 40. Mr. Kynett is doing a good work among his neighbors both in religious and agricultural lines. He runs something of a model farm and teaches farming to his people in the community. Miss Susie L. Wier taught the school at Valley Camp, which enrolled 20 with an average attendance of 14. The Sabbath School enrolled 39 and was conducted by Mrs. S. F. Kingston.

The Superintendent preached the first Sabbath of each month at Valley Camp, the third Sabbath at Pleasant Grove, each alternate Sabbath in the Selma church and occasionally to outside audiences, and each Sabbath superintended the afternoon Bible class. The Rev. W. J. Sanderson has been chosen permanent Superintendent of this Mission.

Receipts for the year	$9,534.16
Expenditures	8,243.96
Balance	1,713.63

We request for this Mission an appropriation of $5,000.

Indian Mission.

The work in the Indian School was carried on through the school year with good success, although the teaching force was new. Miss Orlena Aikin taught the advanced room and Miss Anna McClurkin the primary room. Miss Florence Mearns took charge of the girls and Mrs. Coulter of the boys. Miss Almira E. Kerr had charge of the school kitchen and Miss Minty Allen of the laundry. Mr. Coulter assisted in the work of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore and Mr. Lloyd Ewing, who had been in the mission for years and had been of great service, went home to Olathe.

The school opened Sept. 14, 1909, and closed May 2d. The number enrolled was 52. The number of Bible verses committed in the advanced room was 16,559 and in the primary room 3,838. In the advanced room the sermon heard on Sabbath was written out from memory. Besides this several Books of the Bible were carefully gone over in devotional reading. Special mention is made of one girl, Nellie Chiveta, who on her own motion committed and recited the Book of Daniel.

The superintendent, the Rev. W. W. Carithers, writes that "the increase in the congregation for the year has been ten and the

decrease nine, and the congregation numbers just one hundred. There have been twelve baptisms, three of them adults. A number of the members are full of Christian zeal and activity and never fail to improve all opportunties to speak a word for Christ. The attendance at church has been good all through the year. The momentum of the years that are past carries its weight with it in putting the Indians further along. We feel this in the church work, in the school, and see its effects in the homes. At the communion just closed, for instance, the four Indian elders served the two tables and did it with as much reverence and dignity as I have ever seen in any congregation.

"We have children in school now that are the children of boys and girls that were trained in our school, and they show the result of work done years ago in their readiness to take up things that children from a heathen home could not comprehend. They come from homes that take papers and have prayers. Each one of the older Indians that gets the idea of thrift and progress is of great value in lifting the community around him and in commanding the respect of his white neighbors.

"On the other hand the year has been one of a great deal of carelessness on the part of a good many of the Christian people. This is especially seen in the marriage relation, a number getting divorces from their former partners and marrying the new ones according to law. There is no part of the change from heathenism to Christianity that gives rise to as many perplexing problems as the questions that arise with the home as a center. That we have always made decisions that are right would be claiming too much, but that the session has been a unit in trying to reach right decisions has been true in every case that has come before them.

"The utter indifference of those outside the church to all appeals to them to live a Christian life has never been more marked than this year. When we had communion services there would be a large attendance of those that seemed to have no interest in what was being said or done and yet they gave quiet attention to many of the services."

Miss Emma McFarland continues faithfully to work among the Apaches. This field, as has been noted in past reports, is a specially difficult one because of the fact that the Apaches are set in their old customs, being utterly indifferent to the claims of the gospel, and the ones that come out are often not able to stand against the pressure of the old customs. Mr. Carithers says, "if consecrated devotion both to the people and to the Master and unsparing zeal will win, I see no way for them to escape, for she devotes herself to them and their best interests seven days in the week and she is a great favorite with them."

Mrs. Carithers keeps up her work among the Comanches who are more responsive. Their progress is wonderful, some of their homes being models of neatness and even elegance. In this work she is assistant field matron under the government.

Mission Sabbath Schools were kept up during the summer at several points, some of which have had to be given up on account of distance and scarcity of workers.

Owing to the fact that there was an overdraft shown in the last report to Synod and that quite an amount of stock could be sold without seriously crippling the equipment, it was thought best to do all possible to wipe out the deficit. After the running expenses of the Mission for the year were all paid there was a substantial balance to turn back into the treasury.

The Superintendent bears witness to the heartiness and faithfulness of the workers throughout the year.

A number of individuals and congregations have contributed directly in aid of the Mission in supplies and money and these have been of great assistance in carrying on the work.

Receipts for the year	$12,088.42
Expenditures	8,306.79
Balance	1,719.84

We request for this Mission an appropriation of $6,000.

The Board requests the Synod to appoint the following additional members of the Board: Dr. T. H. Acheson, Dr. R. J. G. McKnight and the Rev. J. C. Slater. The Chairman and Cor. Secretary were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of the Synod.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman.
A. C. COULTER, Rec. Sec.
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

THE MISSION OF THE COVENANT TO ISRAEL is a place of refuge to the Jews. The Mission building, located in the heart of a Jewish community, on the South-west corner of Fifth and Catherine Streets, bears two large signs, one fronting on each of these streets, with the words, "THE CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE HEBREWS." Many of the children of Israel come in, and learn of Christ, the Messiah of their fathers' faith and hope. Here they can find rest and safety for their faint and weary souls, pursued by sin, vengeance, and despair. Eternity alone will reveal the joy awakened in the hearts that have found Jesus in this place.

While Israel, as a people, has not found salvation, yet "the

election hath found it." Like Paul, we may be assured that "at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." We believe that God, in His mercy, guides the feet of many to this house, where we believe the pure Gospel of Jesus is preached and the way of salvation, through His atoning blood, made clear.

Rev. E. J. Feuersohn, the missionary, has his dwelling in the Mission house, where he and his devoted wife give to the place an atmosphere of kindliness, earnestness, and fervent prayer, causing those who come in from the cold, faithless world to feel that they have entered into a sphere, entirely different, where peace, love, joy and hope sweeten and brighten life. The other missionaries, also, do their good part, in causing this Mission to be "as the shadow of a great rock in a very weary land," to many a wandering Jew. Many have been refreshed during the past year, in this mountain, where "the Lord of hosts has made a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees" for all who come through Jesus Christ.

At one time you may see Rev. Mr. Feuersohn sitting with one, or two, or more young men, with open Bibles, "searching whether those things were so," at another time, hanging over a class, teaching them the English and the Gospel together; at another time, preaching Christ to an earnest gathering of people, who listen attentively, stand in prayer respectfully, and sing the Psalms just as they can; and at another time, going from house to house, where the neighbors come together to hear of Jesus and salvation through His blood. Mrs. Feuersohn, also, is devoted to the good work doing faithful service in the classes, and among the people. Miss Bell, likewise, assisted by Miss Cupples, ministers the Word of eternal life to her forty girls, who come to learn the art of sewing; while Miss Boyd goes from family to family, seeking the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Thus the work goes forward, under the hand of our Lord Jesus Christ, from year to year.

As a Board, we can report to the Covenanter Church merely, that we endeavor to use their contributions to this Mission, and guide their work among the Jews, with faithfulness, as God gives discretion and power. Our single purpose is, to bring the largest number of the sons and daughters of Abraham to Christ, their true haven of rest; having full confidence that ultimately "all Israel shall be saved."

During the last year the attendance at the Sabbath services and Night School, including Hebrew visitors, aggregated 1,883

The attendance at the Sabbath School 1,085

The attendance at the Sewing School 1,853
Family visits made by the minister 132
Number of private seekers after Jesus 48

A number have avowed their interest in Jesus as their Saviour.

Number of New Testaments distributed, 78. Bibles, 42.

Large quantities of religious tracts were also distributed.

Miss Edith Boyd has signified her intention to discontinue her service in the Mission at the end of May.

The Board asks for $2,500.00 for the work next year. We also ask the whole church of the Covenanters to make intercession, before God, for Israel, that they may be saved.

Rev. Dr. T. P. Stevenson has been appointed to represent the Mission on the floor of Synod.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, President.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 10th, 1910.

The pastor of the Pittsburg Congregation invited the Synod, in the name of the congregation, to meet in the Pittsburg Church in 1911. The pastors of the other congregations in the vicinity joined in seconding the invitation, on behalf of the congregations which they represent. The invitation was referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported, recommending that the invitation from the Pittsburg Congregation be accepted. The report of the committee was accepted and Pittsburg was fixed as the place for the meeting of the Synod of 1911.

The Committee on the death of J. W. Sproull reported. The report was read. John Yates, J. F. Crozier and J. A. Black spoke in appreciation of the life and work of Dr. Sproull. The report of the Committee was adopted, and is as follows:

DR. JOHN W. SPROULL.

We can estimate a life as we can a tree or a stream. A tree is good if it grows the fruit. A man is worthy who fulfills his mission, who performs his task.

John Wallace Sproull had reached his 71st year, when death came to him, having been born January 14, 1839.

He was the second son of Dr. Thomas Sproull, and got his preparation for college in the schools of Allegheny. He graduated

from Jefferson College, its Classical Department, with the class of 1858. Two of the present members of Synod were his classmates, Dr. Trumbull and the writer of this sketch. He was a scholar quite above the average, in a class of 73. Only two of that class were younger than himself, and we remember him distinctly, as one who had his share of all the enjoyments that enter into College life.

He taught one year after leaving College, being principal of an Academy at Fayetteville, Pa., He entered the Seminary in the autumn of 1859, and on the completion of his course was called to the pastorate of the congregation of Elizabeth and McKeesport, and in the fall of 1870 was elected first pastor of the newly organized Central Allegheny, where he remained as pastor until within a few weeks of his death. He was also Associate Editor of the Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanter magazine from 1867 to 1896, 29 years.

This church had put honor and continued it for long years upon the father of our friend, and put well nigh as much, and continued it, upon the son.

We do not know for how many years he was chairman of the Central Board of Missions, Secretary of the Board of the Theological Seminary, and Stated Clerk of Synod.

Some few things stand out distinctly in looking back upon this friend who has gone away from among men. He has left us some lessons.

1. **He discharged the duties that were assigned to him.** To the very last he performed his tasks. He was absent from only one meeting of Synod, that of 1890. With an energy and strength of will, without a parallel, he compelled a body wasted with weakness to convey him to places where he thought duty lay, to house of God, or to meeting of Courts. He never would admit that he was sick.

2. **He has shown us what a pastor can do outside his own church.** The work done at Spring Garden and Compromise Street Missons, proves before men's eyes what can be done. In a neighborhood at the outset not at all inviting, he gained results that ought to be an inspiration to those who wish to win souls. get the irreligious into the Church of God. Spring Garden Mission sent additions to his church each year, and could this day sustain a pastor, if separated from the mother church.

3. **By suavity of manner and character of his personaity he commended himself and his creed to the outside world.** Thoroughly loyal to his own church and always willing to defend its principes, he won to a remarkable degree the respect and friendship of a large

circle of acquaintances outside of his own communion. He was twice elected President of the Ministerial Union, made up of ministers of different evangelical churches. He was a member to the time of his death of the Board of Trustees of Pittsburg University.

4. **He won and kept the devotion of his people to the end.** He had gifts both as man and preacher that would have given him this. He was more than this to them. He was a father in his sympathy and a shepherd in his care. Where sickness or sorrow came, people saw his face and heard his voice. That people gave back to him all that he had given them, when the griefs came to him in his last days. When he could no longer preach, a salary sufficient for his needs was made sure to him. Few minsters of any church have had such devotion at hands of flock as followed Dr. Sproull to the last moment of his life. There would be longer pastorates, if ministers were wiser men.

Wagner, who wrote "The Simple Life," in one of his essays says "The face of the world alters around us, its intellectual and national factors vary, and no one can arrest these changes. The traveler, however, must not lose himself in crossways, nor hamper his movements with useless burdens. Let him keep good faith, devote himself to the essential, and in order to progress, let him simplify his baggage."

W. P. JOHNSTON,
JOHN YATES,
WM. PEARCE,
Committee.

R. M. Dean was excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M. Prayer by A. A. Wylie.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M. Synod reconvened and was opened with prayer by W. G. Robb. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read.

In view of inaccuracies in several Presbyteries' Traveling Fund it was ordered, on motion of the Chairman of the Committee on Traveling Fund, that $21.40 be borrowed from the Literary Fund to be a tax on next year's Traveling Fund.

Bills for printing the reports of Committee on Order of

Business and Committee on Devotional Exercises, and for the services of the typist were ordered paid from the Literary Fund.

Reports of Committees on records of Presbyteries were received as follows:

Illinois, Iowa, N. B. & N. S., New York, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, nothing contrary to the law and order of the church.

Colorado, nothing contrary to the law and order of the church except that on pages 216 and 231 it is shown that a Commission met to transact business without the presence of a ruling elder.

Kansas, nothing contrary to the law and order of the church except that on page 73 it appears that a court was constituted and transacted business without the presence of a ruling elder.

Rochester, nothing contrary to the law and order of the church except that on page 116 relative to the licensure of Robert Park, there is no record that the licensure was by prayer.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 5 inclusive relative to the Seminary were adopted.

Items 1 and 2 relative to the College were adopted.

President W. Henry George, Robert Clarke and T. P. Stevenson spoke in the interests of Geneva College, pressing its claims upon the Synod.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

The committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College would respectfully report:

That three reports have been referred to your committee, viz: The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College and the report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

We note in the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary that ten students were enrolled during the past year and that their attendance and work was commendable.

In reference to the Seminary, we recommend:

1. That we record our gratitude to the head of the church that the health of Prof. D. B. Wilson has been so far restored, that

he has been able to resume part of his former work of instruction.

2. We note with appreciation the long and faithful service of Dr. J. W. Sproull, the member of the Board, who died the 7th of January, 1910.

3. That Synod bring to the attention of the church the urgent call for qualified ministers to aid in the aggressive work proposed.

4. That our people be impressed with the need of increased offerings to meet the expenses of the Seminary.

5. That Dr. W. J. Coleman and Walter T. Miller be elected their own successors on the Board of Superintendents; that Dr. T. H. Acheson be elected to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. J. W. Sproull; that since by reason of infirmity elder Walter T. Miller is not able to attend the meetings of the Board, elder S. R. Wills be elected his successor, and that elder J. D. McAnlis be added to the Board.

In reference to the College we are glad to see evidence of improvement in work and equipment. The increased indebtedness is a source of concern, but warranted as we believe.

We recommend:—

1. The reaffirming of last year's resolutions in this connection.

2. That Walter T. Miller and J. S. Tibby be reelected members of the Board of Corporators.

Signed,

A. A. SAMSON,
R. HARGRAVE,
R. J. GAULT,
J. E. HUHEEY,
A. T. McNEIL,
Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College would respectfully report that we have received the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, which indicates that the past year has been one of prosperity for the College, that the attendance has increased, that the feeling among the students toward the College is of the best and that the broader curriculum and the increased teaching force of the College have been hightly appreciated. The Board is highly gratified with the spirit of the students and with the interest they have shown in religious culture and devotional exercises.

We transmit this report to you and request for it the careful attention of the Synod and of all friends of the College.

The one disturbing item in the report is the increased in-

debtedness. This is accompanied with the evidence of improvements and yet we feel that it raises a question of serious importance. The work of Rev. Robert Clarke has seemed markedly successful in securing funds for certain purposes and we hope that some portion of this may be used for running expenses, that the deficit may be made up out of our regular revenue. It is to be remembered that a growing College is an institution that naturally makes steady demands upon those who sustain its life.

The Board of Corporators desires to second the request for an appropriation of $3,000 and to urge that the whole amount be made up.

The time for which Walter T. Miller was elected a representative of Synod on this Board has expired, and by an oversight the name of J. S. Tibby whose time expired last year was not reported to the Synod. Their successors are to be chosen this year. We favor the proposal to invite three of the citizens of the Beaver Valley to act as consultative members of the Board of Trusees.

The following were chosen members of the Board of Trustees: R. C. Wylie, J. R. Wylie, A. Kilpatrick, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, J. S. Thompson, H. H. George, W. J. Coleman, James Scott, R. M. Downie, J. S. Tibby, R. M. Pearce.

T. P. STEVENSON, President.
W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College the Board of Trustees of Geneva College respectfully reports:

Under the Divine blessing, the College year to close June 15th has been the best under the present administration. The attendance is as follows: Literary and Normal students 162; students attending the Summer Session of 1909, 50; students in Music, 116; in Oratory 50; in Art 29. Total number of students exclusive of duplications 358, an increase of 66 over last year. Omitting the 50 attending the Summer Session (as this was the first Summer Session the College has conducted) the increase over last year is 16. There has been a slight increase in the Departments of Music and Oratory and a slight decrease in the Literary Department. This latter decrease has been due in part at least to the effect of the hard times. Other Colleges in our section of the country have suffered in the same way.

That subtle but powerful factor known as "college spirit" has steadily improved at Geneva for the past two years until today it is par excellence. The students are proud of their College and enthusiastic in their efforts to promote its welfare. The spirit of

harmony and cooperation prevails among students and between students and professors. For many years there has not been the good feeling enthusiasm and devotion to the interests of the College that exists among students and professors today. On this account the government of the school has not been difficult. There have been no serious cases of discipline within the year.

The students have done good work throughout the year. In the work of the Literary Societies there has been an improvement over that of last year. The year has been one of unusual interest in oratorical contests. In all the preliminaries there was a large participation. A Prohibition League has been organized in the College for the study of the temperance question. For the first time Geneva participated in the Prohibition League contest of the Colleges of Pennsylvania. Mr. French Carithers of our Sharon congregation represented the College very creditably, taking third place among the six colleges contesting. In the Inter-Collegiate Contest, Mr. Ernest Patton of our Coldenham congregation won the $25.00 Alumni prize and represented Geneva with credit to himself and his school in the contest among the five colleges in the Oratorical League. He took third place. On the same night two debating teams representing Geneva debated opposite sides of the same question with teams representing Westminster and Muskingum Colleges. Geneva's team won in both debates. This is the first year Geneva has debated with Muskingum and the third year in succession she has won from Westminster. Such victories mean much for the spirit of the school and give the College standing among outside people. In athletics also the College has had a good year, all her teams representing the College with credit, two carrying off the championship.

The Faculty also has done good work during the year. To the thoroughness and consciousness of their class-room work is due the high standing which Geneva's graduates take when they enter the higher universities. The members of the Faculty have shown an interest in the welfare of the school outside their class-room work, some of them to a very marked degree. Miss Frances E. Waddle, head of the Department of Music, was given leave of absence for one year to study in Europe. Notwithstanding her absence, her assistants worked so energetically that there has been an increase in the number of music pupils. Another of our teachers spent last summer in the University of Chicago taking advanced work along the line of his department. Another spent the summer travelling in Europe and studying along the line of her work in Germany. Two of our teachers expect to spend this summer at the University of Chicago, and one will travel and study in Europe.

The only new member of the Faculty for this year is Prof. H. H. Wylie, who came from our New Concord, O., congregation. He is a graduate of Muskingum College, has taken graduate work in Harvard University and has had several years' experience in teaching. He has charge of the Department of Education and Moral Philosophy. He has done excellent work in his department, has shown a deep interest in the students and has been untiring in his efforts to promote the welfare of the College.

President George has labored hard in season and out of season and most effectively for the welfare of the College. In addition to his class-room and administrative work he has done more than the usual amount of outside work to bring the College before the public. He has preached in more than a score of pulpits of various churches of the community. He has preached baccalaureate sermons and made several High School commencement addresses. In the interest of the Normal work of the spring term and summer sessions he has addressed local teachers' institutes, three county teachers' institutes, and visited fifty or more of the country public schools. Prof. Wylie accompanied him on most of these trips in the interests of the Normal work. Largely as the result of this work we have over fifty new students in College for the spring term. Some of these in addition to the work they are taking to prepare them for teaching are taking studies in the regular college department. Opportunity is afforded of emphasizing to these the importance of the moral side of education which opportunity is taken advantage of.

Last summer we conducted the first summer session of the College. While the attendance was not large (50),the College made a good reputation for itself and have prospects of a larger attendance at this summer's session. The new department is bringing the College more prominently before the local community and enlarging the sphere of its influence.

The religious welfare of the students has been carefully looked after. From personal knowledge, from information gained from professors and students who lead in the religious life of the College, the religious life of the student body is found to be commendable to a high degree. The ministerial members of the Faculty conduct the monthly preaching service as they did last year. Evening worship is conducted in the ladies' dormitory. The students are required to attend the daily chapel exercises. Prof. Wylie conducted a students' Bible class on Sabbath morning throughout the year which was well attended and in which there was a deep interest. A students' prayer meeting is held each Sabbath evening. A mission study class was conducted by Rev. J. S. Thompson.

Nearly all the resident students belong to the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A., which have their weekly meetings for Bible study and aid in looking after the spiritual welfare of the students. These organizations sent representatives to the Student Volunteer Convention held in Rochester, N. Y. The Y. M. C. A. also sent delegates to the State Y. M. C. A. Conference. The students are thus brought into touch with the great student religious movements of the day and receive the information and inspiration that come from coming into touch with these movements.

Through arrangements made with Synod's Board of Trustees we were able to meet the conditions on which Mr. Carnegie promised $15,000 to the College and some months ago the amount was paid to the Treasurer of the College Board. It should be said here that we do not reap any benefit from this gift this college year. On May 1 there was a deficit in the current account of $12,698.72. This is $3,000 more than the deficit one year ago. In our report last year we said "we do not believe it possible to reduce the expenses and maintain the educational standard of the college. The receipts must be increased from $3,000 to $5,000 a year." We are of the same conviction still. To retrench at this critical juncture, to narrow the curriculum, to cripple the College in its teaching force, to fail to put and keep the College buildings in such proper condition as to commend the College to its patrons, when, as will appear from the latter part of this report, the people of the local community are taking new interest in the College and so splendidly coming to its financial support, and the church is showing an increased interest, would be a fatal mistake and give the college a setback before the public from which it would not recover in many years.

With a view to meeting this increasing indebtedness and to secure for the College an adequate equipment for work, the Board early in the year took steps to secure a Field Representative for the College. It is the conviction of the Board that the raising of funds for the College should not devolve wholly or mainly upon the College president. His work is the making of men rather than of money. The Board was fortunate in securing for this work the services of the Rev. Robert Clarke, who had already proved his efficiency in this kind of work. He began his work as Field Representative of the College Sept 1, 1909. He has labored earnestly and faithfully. He has been successful beyond our highest expectations. On May 1, 1910, he had secured in cash and pledges over $30,000. As by far the larger part of this amount was secured in pledges of large sums, only a small percentage of the total amount has been paid in—about $2,500. From this it is evident that the

results of Mr. Clarke's work do not appear in this year's financial report. Mr. Clarke has spent some time in travelling through the church and has received substantial contributions almost every place he has gone. But the most of his time has been spent in the local community, and from the local community he has received at least $25,000 of the $30,000 pledged. Three citizens of the Beaver Valley, not members of our church, have pledged $5,000 each. One member of College Hill, an honored member of our church, has pledged $5,000. These are munificent gifts. Many other citizens of the local community have given liberally according to their means and others will yet give. The large attendance and the interest shown at the Alumni Banquet held in Pittsburg in March of this year, showed the increasing interest the Alumni are taking in the College. At this meeting a large and represesntative committee of the Alumni from the Beaver Valley was appointed to co-operate with Mr. Clarke in raising funds for the College. The committee at their meetings have taken up the work enthusiastically and assure Mr. Clarke that if the College management mean business in the movement for a larger and better equipped Geneva, they will have the committee's hearty support.

Mr. Clarke has also been instrumental in securing donations of table-ware and furniture for the Dormitory and College amounting to several hundred dollars. Mr. Clarke's success in the raising of funds has been due not only to his ability, large faith and untiring efforts, but also to the fact that we have, though it has meant an increase in our indebtedness, broadened the curriculum, increased our teaching force, made extensive improvements on the college buildings and thus brought the College up to the demands of the times, and furthermore, to the fact that we have resolutely set our faces toward still better things in the future.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Clarke has been employed for another year. It is the policy of the Board to keep a man in the field permanently and we hope to be able to retain Mr. Clarke for years to come.

While the financial report of this year is not, on its face, encouraging, yet in view of the fact that we will begin to draw interest on the Carnegie fund from May 1, of this year, of the more than 28,000 in pledges not yet paid in, and with Mr. Clarke's good prospects for the future, there is promise of better things to come.

About $8,000 of the amount Mr. Clarke has secured in money and pledges is for a new gymnasium, which is to bear the name of Dr. W. P. Johnston, in recognition of the seventeen years of faithful and efficient service he rendered the College. The plans for the gymnasium are completed and it is hoped the $15,000 re-

quired to erect it will be secured within a few months and the building completed before the end of the year.

The Musical Department is greatly hampered in its work for lack of a building. It is the judgment of the Board that the College is greatly in need of a Music Hall. It is hoped that someone in the church will furnish the means for the erection of this building. The College has other needs in the way of equipment which the Board stands ready to supply as soon as the funds to meet them are forthcoming.

We ask for the annual appropriation of $3,000. In view of the interest of the citizens of the Beaver Valley are taking in the College and the financial support they are giving it. the Board unanimously voted to ask for the privilege of electing three of the citizens of the valley as consultative members of the Board.

In view of the interest shown by the Alumni, and the splendid support the local community is giving the movement for an enlarged and better equipped Geneva, we appeal to the Church for liberal financial support. The College is the child of the church. She holds the legal control of it. This puts upon her the obligation to support it. When others outside the church are giving so liberally to its support shall not the members of our own church come forward with liberal gifts?

The College needs money from the church but above all she needs and asks for her sons and daughters. Covenanter young people who attend their own school are far more likely to remain in the membership and service of the Covenanter church than if they attend colleges under the control of other churches or those under State control. The religious atmosphere of Geneva alone among all the colleges is Covenanter. Here only the College religious services conform to Covenanter principles of worship. Here they receive instruction in Political Philosophy in accord with the principles of our church on that subject. The associations of college life very frequently determine what church relationship shall be in later years. Geneva has the decided advantage on this point. Geneva is worthy of the patronage of the church. What she has done and is doing for the church is indicated from the fact that 70 of her present ministers, 15 of her foreign missionaries, 7 of her missionaries among the Indians, 4 of her missionaries among the Negroes received their college training at Geneva. We ask for the patronage of the entire church even though in some cases it will mean financial sacrifice for parents to send their children to our own church school.

In these days we hear the principal of segregation advocated. Let those, it is said, living in one section of the country receive

their higher education in a college located in that section. We believe in the principle of segregation. But let the segregation be along denominational lines not along geographical lines. We ask from the Covenanter church twice as many students as she has been sending to the college.

Dr. T. P. Stevenson, President W. H. George and Rev. Robert Clarke have been appointed to represent the College before the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WYLIE, President.
R. H. MARTIN, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The Board met for the closing exercises of the Seminary in the Seminary Hall, Allegheny, Pa., April 26, 1910, at 9 a. m., and adjourned on the evening of the 27th. Dr. J. W. Sproull, who was elected a member of the Board in 1892 and who has been its faithful Secretary during most of the years since, has passed away and his place is vacant. The Board placed on record a minute expressing its appreciation of his interest in the Seminary, his work on this Board and his services to the church. Dr. R. M. Sommerville could not be present on account of other duties and Elders David Boyd and Walter T. Miller were unable to attend. Their absence from the meeting of the Board was greatly regretted on account of the great interest they have always manifested in the work of the Seminary. This left but five members present: T. P. Stevenson, W. J. Coleman, Chas, McElhinney, W. R. Sterrett and J. R. Steele.

The Board was glad to meet Prof. D. B. Willson who has so far recovered as to be able to resume some of his classes. We trust that his full strength may be spared to the Seminary for many years to come.

The professors reported jointly and severally, showing in outline the work done by the classes during the year. These reports have been published for the information of the Church. The work of the year was opened by a lecture by Dr. R. J. George on "True Evangelism."

The names and grades of the students are as follows:

Third year, Howard McConaughy, Robert Park.

Second year, Frank Emmet Allen, Thomas Copeland McKnight, Matthew Steele McMillan, John Milton Rutherford.

First year, Arthur Wallace Calhoun, George Slater Coleman, Frederick Francis Reade and James Boyd Tweed.

Mr. Calhoun was unable to continue his studies and Mr. Park has been unwell near the end of the session. The attendance of the students upon class work has been exemplary. The regular three series of discourses have been given by the students, the weekly Seminary prayer meeting has been kept up, the services in the Aged People's Home have been attended and much Sabbath School work done by the students in the city congregations.

Prof. George M. Sleeth has given instruction in Bible reading and pulpit oratory and has also attended the preaching of discourses.

Diplomas were given to the students of the third year and certificates to those of the second. The reports of the professors were approved and the discourses and examinations were heartily sustained.

The terms to which W. J. Coleman and Walter T. Miller were elected have expired. Their successors should be chosen.

We ask for the Seminary Fund an appropriation of $4,000. As there is somewhat of a deficit reported this year in the treasury, we urge increased liberality toward this most necessary department of the work of the church.

T. P. STEVENSON, President.
W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

R. J. G. McKnight, W. Henry George and T. H. McCandless were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by J. S. McGaw.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, June 1, 8 A. M. Synod convened and was constituted with prayer by R. M. Sommerville.

The roll was called and the following did not answer to their names: G. W. Benn, A. M. Cannon, D. H. Coulter, S. R. Davis, E. I. Dewey, R. M. Downie, E. M. Elsey, J. M. Foster, J. C. French, Robert Henry, D. O. Jack, Evan Jones, C. J. Lewis, Robert Lunney, J. W. Marshall, J. W. Moore, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, P. J. McDonald, A. R. McFarland, J. S. McGaw, S. W. McLean, James Park, W. T. K. Thompson and Knox M. Young.

Synod spent fifteen minutes in worship led by T. C. Sproull.

The minutes of yesterday evening session were read.

Elder T. C. Speer was granted optional attendance for the remainder of the Synod.

The Special Committee to which was referred the matter of the use of the individual cup in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS.

Your Committee on the Individual Communion Cup respectfully reports the following action:

Not wishing to introduce into the Church unnecessarily a disturbing element, the consideration of the question as to the method of dispensing the wine at the Communion is indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
W. W. CARITHERS,
J. B. DODDS,
R. J. CATHCART,
Committee.

The following resolution, introduced by R. H. Martin, was adopted:

Resolved, that Synod express its confidence in the faithfulness of our missionaries in China and of their ability to order the affairs of the Mission to the best interests of the Covenanter Church.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was read, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 10 were adopted.

The rule of Synod was suspended and item 11 was amended and adopted.

Items 12, 13 and 14 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that the following papers and matters were referred to us:

1. Report of Mrs. W. J. Ward, Secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association.

2. Report on audit of the accounts of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions and Church Erection.

3. Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, J. S. Tibby Treasurer.

4. Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Literary Fund.

5. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., Treasurer of Jewish Mission Board.

6. Report of S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer pro tem. of Board of Foreign Missions and Church Erection.

7. Report of Domestic Mission Conference.

8. Reports of J. S. Tibby, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform; of the Committee on Testimony Bearing; Synod's Permanent Committee on Temperance; Synod's Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work.

9. Report of Central Board of Missions requesting appropriations for Domestic Missions, Southern Mission and Indian Mission.

10. Report of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association.

11. Report of Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

12. Report of Board of Church Erection.

13. Report of Superintendents of Theological Seminary.

14. Traveling expenses of T. H. Acheson, delegate to Christian Reformed Church; expenses of R. A. M. Steele in attending meeting of Psalmody Committee in Chicago last year.

15. Request of Colorado Presbytery for $100.00 to cover expenses in proposed investigation in the matter of the Oakland Mission.

16. A proposal that in view of his arduous duties the clerk of Synod be paid $100 per year from the Literary Fund.

We have found the reports of these treasurers audited and approved. In view of the favorable condition of the treasuries, we express our special gratitude to the Head of the Church for the evidence of His favor shown in the receipts and earnings of the past year.

1. We recommend that Synod commend the action of Synod's Board of Trustees and the other Boards, in securing the services of expert auditors to audit the books and accounts of their treasuries.

2. We recommend the adoption of item 9 of the report of Synod's Board of Trustees, which is: "Inasmuch as there remains an overdraft of $998.19 in the Geneva Company Limited account, we would recommend that the Mrs. Belle T. Dodds' bequest of $495,

the William Gray donation of $434.80 and 68.39 from the contingent fund be transferred to close this account."

5. That the synopses and summaries of Treasurers Walter T. Miller, James S. Tibby and S. A. S. Metheny, and the report of Mrs. W. J. Ward, Secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association, and the recapitulations of the various balance sheets be published in the Minutes of Synod.

4. That the clerk of Synod be directed to have 1000 copies of the minutes of the Synod of 1910 printed and that they be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Literary Fund to be sold at 35 cents the copy. That J. S. Tibby be authorized to pay the bill for printing Minutes of Synod out of Literary Fund.

5. That the clerk of Synod be directed to cast the ballot of Synod for James S. Tibby, James A. McAteer and James H. McBurney to be their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for the term of three years ending June 15, 1913.

6. That the Rev. G. A. Edgar and S. O. Carson be elected their own successors on the Board of Control.

7. That the following appropriations with the dates for congregatonal collections be adopted:

June, third Sabbath, Students' Aid Fund	$ 1,500
July, first Sabbath, Aged Ministers (three-eighths) and Widows and Orphans (five-eighths)	4,000
July, third Sabbath, Aged People's Home	1,000
August, first Sabbath, Theological Seminary	4,000
August, third Sabbath, Jewish Mission	2,500
September, first Sabbath, Southern Mission	5,000
September, third Sabbath, Indian Mission	6,000
October, first Sabbath, Domestic Mission Fund	12,000
November, first Sabbath, National Reform	8,000
November, fourth Sabbath, Temperance	2,000
December, first Sabbath, Syrian Mission	18,500
January, first Sabbath, Mission in China	8,000
February, first Sabbath, Testimony Bearing	4,000
In case a second laborer gives his full time to this work	5,000
March, First Sabbath, Geneva College	3,000
April, first Sabbath, Church Erection	4,000

8. That $500.00 be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Fund for the use of the Permanent Committee on Evangelistic work.

9. In view of the coming World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government, to be held during the year, we recommend that the members of the church be urged to increase their contributions to National Reform during this year to the end

that the full amount of the appropriation may be paid and the expenses of this World's Conference may be met, without loss to the ordinary work of the Association.

10. We recommend the balance of $4,918.06 now in the Memorial Building rent account be transferred to the Theological Seminary Endowment Account and that hereafter all balance in the Memorial Building rent account be transferred annually to the Theological Seminary current account.

11. We recommend that the appropriations made by the Domestic Mission Conference be granted.

12. With respect to the proposal to grant $100.00 per year to Synod's Clerk we recommend that the position of Clerk continue without any financial consideration in connection with it.

13. As the Financial Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association has not for some reason come to hand and could not be considered by your committee, we recommend that the Clerk be authorized, when this financial report has been submitteed to Synod's Board of Trustees and approved by them, to publish it in the minutes with the other reports.

14. That $50.00, our share to the expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance for 1910, be paid from the Literary Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WILSON,
ROBERT CLARKE,
R. C. REED,
WM. ESLER,
WILSON DAUGHERTY.
Committee.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod,
Dear Brethren:

The Trustees of the Synod beg leave to report, and in connection therewith to submit the report of the Treasurer for the year ending May first, 1910.

First. The persons elected at the last meeting of Synod to serve on the Board accepted their appointment, viz: Messers. George A. McKee, D. C. Martin and Robert J. M. Ward.

Second. On December first, 1909, the Master made a breach in our ranks and called to his eternal rest Mr. Robert J. M. Ward. He was for nine years a most faithful member of the Board. His place will be hard to fill. We would express our appreciation of the high moral worth, the noble Christian character, the faithfulness to duty of this departed brother. On Feb. 10th, 1910, Mr.

William J. Ward, of the Wilkinsburg, Pa. congregation was elected to fill the unexpired term of his brother on the Board.

Third. The following bequests were received during the year, viz:

W. J. Dodds, Wyman, Iowa. Indian Mission Current Account $40.00. Adana Refugees $10.00.

Mrs. Belle T. Dodds, Sterling, Kas. "Use of Synod" $495.00.

Mrs. Marg. C. Hamilton, Pittsburg, Pa., N. S. Indian Mission

Mrs. Isabella Parks, Frazeysburg, O. Home Mission Current Account $333.78.

Mrs. Sarah Greer, Medford, Mass. Theo. Seminary Current Account $546.32. Southern Mission Current Account $270.46.

Miss Nancy W. Smith, Baltimore Md. Geneva College Endowment Fund $100.62. China Mission Current Account $50.31. Jewish Mission Current Account $50.31. Indian Mission Current Account 50.31. Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account $50.30. Aged Ministers' Current Account $50.30. Total $352.15.

Mrs Marg. C. Hamilton, Pittsburg, Pa. N. S. Indian Mission Current Account $950.00. Southern Mission Current Account $950.00.

Mrs. Mary J. McKibben, Morning Sun, Iowa. All Current Accounts, viz: Students Aid $9.68; Aged Ministers' $9.68; Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers $16.13; Theo. Seminary $25.81; Southern Mission $32.26; Indian Mission $38.71; Domestic Mission 77.44; National Reform $51.61; Temperance $12.90; Testimony Bearing $25.81; Geneva College $19.35. Total $319.36.

The following donations were received, viz:

Ryegate and Barnet, Vt. Cong. $650.00. the synodical dividend yearly to be divided between Theo. Seminary and Foreign Missions.

William Gray, Albia, Iowa, $434.80 "Use of Synod."

James Aiton, Rochester, N. Y. $700.00 equal distribution to Syrian, China, Southern, Indian, Domestic, Testimony Bearing and Theo. Seminary Accounts.

Total amount of bequests is $4,743.32, of Donations $1,784.00.

Fourth. The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Real Estate and other assets held by your Board is $616,866.72. Out of the earnings for the year closed the Board declared a dividend on Endowments of $384,845.37 at 5½% of $21,166.50.

Fifth. The amount of the David Gregg Endowment Fund is $157,015.73. The amount of profit on this account was $9,505.90.

Sixth. The books and accounts of the Board were audited by Mr. W. G. Miller, an expert auditor, and found correct as per certificate attached to the report of the Treasurer.

Seventh. The term for which Messrs. James A. McAteer, Jas. McBurney and Jas. S. Tibby were made members of the Board expire June 15th, 1910. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

Eighth. Messrs. James S. Tibby and D. C. Martin alternate were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Ninth. Inasmuch as there remains an overdraft of $998.19 in the Geneva Co. Ltd. Account, we would recommend that the Mrs. Belle T. Dodds Bequest of $495.00, the Wm. Gray donation of $434.80 and $68.39 from the Contingent Fund be transferred to close this account.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,
JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 19th, 1910.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT

May 1, 1909, Balance	$165,637.95
Notes and Subscriptions paid	17,632.05
Andrew Carnegie Gift	15,000.00
May 1, 1910, Balance	$198,270.00

THE FOLLOWING ENDOWMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Theological Seminary	$64,720.69
Students' Aid	16,276.88
Foreign Mission	49,633.43
Domestic Mission	32,111.30
Sustentation	100.00
Southern Mission	5,481.28
Chinese Home Mission	400.00
Indian Mission	2,000.00
Aged Minister's	12,878.52
James and Mary Jane Carlisle for Aged Ministers	500.00
Mission in China	237.50
Widows and Children Deceased Ministers	6,770.02
Church Erection	3,400.00
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee Memorial Fund	10,000.00
James R. McKee Memorial Fund	3,000.00
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee Memorial Fund	3,000.00
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt. Cong. Memorial Fund	850.00
Brooklyn, N. Y. Cong.	4,867.80
Iowa Presbytery	700.00
Wilkinsburg, Pa. Cong.	500.00
American Bible Society	50.00

Mrs. Sarah J. Steele Fund for Geneva College	1,000.00
Miss M. Rebecca Euwer Fund for Geneva College	770.15
David Gregg Fund, not governed by regular dividend	$157,015.73
Total Endowments receiving 5½% dividend	384,115.37
Total Endowments for next year's dividend	417,517.57

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909, Balance	$157,300.00
Invested in Mortgages During Year	9,300.00
	$166,600.00
Mortgages paid off	11,350.00
May 1, 1910, Balance	$155,250.00

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1910, Interest received during year		$9,505.90
Charged Fund 5% for handling	$ 475.30	
Foreign Missions received	3,010.20	
Domestic Missions received	1,806.12	
Sustentation received	602.04	
Church Erection received	602.04	
Theo. Seminary	602.04	
Southern Mission	602.04	
Chinese Home Mission	602.04	
Widows and Children Deceased Ministers	602.04	
Central Allegheny, Pa. Cong.	602.04	—$9,505.90

REGULAR MORTGAGE FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	$344,404.05
Invested in Mortgages during year	87,409.38
	431,813.43
Mortgages paid off	40,135.00
May 1, 1910 Balance	$391,678.43

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 30, 1910, Receipts from Mortgages and Notes	$ 21,985.57	
Geneva College overdraft to May 1, 1910	821.70	
Domestic Missions overdraft to May 1, 1910	133.14	
Indian Mission overdraft to May 1, 1910	84.65	
Net income from Real Estate	709.81	
Sundry accounts	14.43	—23,749.30

EXPENDITURES.

Rev. R. Shields' Donation interest	$	56.00
Cash Donation		82.46
David Gregg item transferred		80.00
Traveling expenses to Rochester, N. Y.		19.46
Dividend to less than 5 1-2 per cent sundry items		83.93
Expenses A. C. Coulter Greensburg Church Case		6.00
Legal Advice. J. B. Tuck, Attorney		10.00
62 per cent of office expenses for year		1,571.91
Interest on Pittsburg Presbyterian Funds		179.62
1910 Dividend on 384,845.37 at 5 1-2 per cent viz:—		
Geneva College on $165,637.95	$ 9,110.09	
Mrs. Sarah J. Steele $1,000.00	55.00	
Theological Seminary $64,720.69	3,559.64	
Students' Aid Fund $16,276.88	895.23	
Foreign Mission $49,633.43	2,729.84	
Domestic Mission $32.111.30	1,766.12	
Southern Mission $5,481.28	301.47	
Chinese Home Mission $400.00	22.00	
Indian Mission $2,000.00	110.00	
Aged Ministers $12,878.52	708.32	
Jas. and Mary J. Carlisle $500.00	27.50	
Mission in China $237.50	13.06	
Widows and Children $6,770.02	372.35	
Church Erection $3,400.00	187.00	
Jas. R. McKee, W. & C. $2,000.00	110.00	
Jas. R. McKee, For. Miss. $1,000.00	55.00	
Brooklyn, N. Y., Cong. $4,867.80	267.73	
Iowa Presbytery $700.00	38.50	
Wilkinsburg, Pa., Cong. $500.00	27.50	
Amer. Bible Society $50.00	2.75	
Sustentation Fund $100.00	5.50	
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee $10,000.00	550.00	
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee $3,000.00	165.00	
Ryegate & Barnet Cong. $850.00	46.75	
Miss M. R. Euwer Fund $730.00	40.15	
Balance to Contingent Account	243.42	—21,409.92
		$23,749.30

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

April 30, 1910—

Rent of office	$	318.00
Phone		38.92
Stamps		33.00

Bond of Treasurer	40.00	
Car fare, Comm. and Treasurer	12.37	
Printing	18.64	
Supplies and Repairs	37.45	
Traveling expenses	36.96	
Salary	2,000.00	
		— 2,535.34

Above Expenses Distributed as Follows, Viz:

Southern Mission	$ 190.15	
Geneva College	190.15	
Indian Mission	190.15	
Theological Seminary	126.77	
Domestic Mission	202.83	
Testimony Bearing	63.38	
Interest Account	1,571.91	— 2,535.34

CASH ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909—	
Balance	5,433.80
Receipts	190,792.12
	196,225.92
Expenditures	194,122.94
May 1, 1910—	
Balance	2,102.98

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909—	
Balance	484.68
May 1, 1910—	
Balance, same as last year	484.68

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909—	
Balance	1,001.17
Balance of year's profits credited	243.42
May 1, 1910—	
Balance	1,244.59

RYEGATE AND BARNET, VT., CONG. ENDOWMENT FUND.

1909—

July 14, Cash from Wm. Bone, Treas. 850.00

Synodical interest of $650.00, divided between Theo. Sem. and For. Miss. Balance to congregation.

W. J. DODDS BEQUEST, WYMAN, IOWA.

1909—

June 11, Cash per J. B. Dodds, Indian Mission	$40.00	
Cash per J. B. Dodds, Adana Refugees	10.00—	50.00
		50.00
June 30, Credited to Indian Miss. Current account	40.00	
Forwarded to W. T. Miller, Treas.	10.00—	50.00
		50.00

MRS. BELLE T. DODDS, BEQUEST, STERLING, KAS.

1910—

Feb. 21, Cash per Mrs. L. S. Edgar, "Use of Synod"	495.00

MISS MARG. GRAY, BEQUEST, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

1909—

Oct. 29, Cash per Miss Eliz. Gray, For. Miss.	476.25
Forwarded to W. T. Miller, Treas.	476.25

WILLIAM GRAY DONATION, ALBIA, IOWA

1909—

Nov. 26, Cash per Heirs, settlement of Suit	500.00
Less legal expenses	65.20
May 1, 1910. Balance "Use of Synod"	434.80

MISS ISABELLA PARKS, BEQUEST, FRAZEYSBURG, O.

1910—

Feb. 26, Cash per Samuel Parks, Exect. Home Miss.	333.78
Credted to Domestic Mission	333.78

CHAS. McILROY, BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

1909—

May 12, 2nd payment, cash balance sale of land	3,332.40	
3rd payment, being pay. 1st Mortgage	2,000.00—	5,332.40
Second distribution as per donors' wishes.		
Testimony Bearing	401.98	
National Reform	401.98	
Syrian Mission	803.93	
Domestic Mission	401.98	
Southern Mission	401.98—	2,411.85
May 1, 1910, Balance		2,920.55

MRS. SARAH GREER, BEQUEST, MEDFORD, MASS.

1909—

Nov. 12, Cash on account, per Executors, Theo. Seminary	551.72	
Cash on account per Executors, Southern Miss.	275.86—	827.58

Expenditures.

Rev. S. McNaugher, copy of will	.80	
Bond to protect Executors	10.00	
Credited to Theo. Seminary	546.32	
Credited to Southern Mission	270.46—	827.58

MISS M. REBECCA EUWER, GENEVA COLLEGE FUND.

May 1, 1910, Balance	730.00	
1910 dividend added	40.15	
May 1, 1910, Balance	770.15	

JAMES AITON DONATION, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

1909—

Apr. 22, Cash from Mrs. Jas. Aiton		700.00
Distributed as per donor's wishes, viz:—		
Syrian Mission	100.00	
Southern Mission	100.00	
Indian Mission	100.00	
China Mission	100.00	
Domestic Mission	100.00	
Testimony Bearing	100.00	
Theological Seminary	100.00—	700.00

MISS NANCY W. SMITH, BEQUEST, BALTIMORE, MD.

1909—

Aug. 23, Cash as per Executors	251.53	
Cash as per Dr. W. P. Johnston	100.62—	352.15
Distributed as follows, viz:—		
Geneva College Endowment Fund	100.62	
China Mission Current Account	50.31	
Jewish Mission	50.31	
Indian Mission	50.31	
Widows and Children	50.30	
Aged Ministers	50.30—	352.15

MRS. MARG. C. HAMILTON BEQUEST, PITTSBURGH, N. S., PA.

1909—

Nov. 9, Cash per Attorney J. C. McCombs		1,900.00
Distributed as follows, viz:—		
Indian Mission	950.00	
Southern Misson	950.00—	1,900.00

MRS. MARY JANE MCKIBBEN BEQUEST, MORNING SUN, IOWA.

1909—

Dec. 13, Cash per J. T. Hensleigh, Treas.		319.36
Distributed as follows, viz:—		
Students Aid	9.68	
Aged Ministers	9.68	
Widows and Children	16.13	
Theo. Seminary	25.81	
Southern Mission	32.26	
Indian Mission	38.71	
Domestic Mission	77.42	
National Reform	51.61	
Temperance	12.90	
Testimony Bearing	25.81	
Geneva College	19.35—	319.36

DONATIONS, RECEIVING INTEREST DURING LIFE OF DONORS.

Miss Eliz. Gray	10,000.00	
Cash	1,532.90	
Rev. R. Shields	1,400.00	
Mrs. Clara J. Beighley	300.00—	13,232.90

REV. CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

1909—

May 1, Balance	1,213.96	
Averaged interest for year	42.06—	1,256.02

Expenditures.

1909 Taxes	35.18	
Mrs. Clyde on account	150.00—	185.18
May 1, 1910, Balance		1,070.84

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, SIXTH PAYMENT

1910—

Apr. 26, Cash from Mrs. Samuel Murtland	6,000.00
Distributed as follows, viz:—	

Foreign Missions	2,500.00	
Sustentaton Fund	2,000.00	
Southern Mission	1,000.00	
Indian Mission	500.00—	6,000.00

DOMESTIC MISSION.

1910—

April 30, From Congregations and Individuals	5,446.26	
Sustentation Fund transferred	4,960.22	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	77.42	
Mrs. Isabella Parks Bequest	333.78	
James Aiton Donation	100.00	
Chas. McIlroy Bequest, 2nd payment	401.98	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg Fund	1,806.12	
1910 Dividend on 32, III, 30	1,766.12	
1910 Dividend Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	137.50—	15,029.40

Expenditures.

Colorado Presbytery	2,934.02	
Illinois Presbytery	862.50	
Iowa Presbytery	179.50	
N. B. & N. S. Presbytery	785.50	
Kansas Presbytery	2,061.71	
New York Presbytery	1,708.67	
Ohio Presbytery	2,117.50	
Pittsburgh Presbytery	2,493.27	
Rochester Presbytery	943.46	
Expense for overdraft	133.14	
Expense handling funds	202.83—	14,440.10
May 1, 1909, Balance overdrawn		3,284.88
		17,724.98
May 1, 1910, Balance overdrawn		2,695.58

SUSTENTATION FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	4,960.22

Receipts.

Collection during year	1.00	
A. Alexander Bequest, sixth payment	2,000.00	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg	602.04	
1910 Dividend on $100.00	5.50—	2,608.54
		7,568.76

Expenditures.

Transferred to Domestic Mission Account		4,960.22
May 1, 1910, Balance		2,608.54

SOUTHERN MISSION.

May 1, 1909, Balance		423.43

Receipts.

From Congregations	3,281.66	
Local Receipts per Revs. R. and S.	2,462.63	
Individuals	131.66	
Mrs. Marg. C. Hamilton Bequest	950.00	
Mrs. Sarah Greer Bequest on account	270.46	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	32.26	
James Aiton Bequest	100.00	
Andrew Alexander Bequest, 6th pay.	1,000.00	
Chas. McIlroy Bequest, 2nd pay.	401.98	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg	602.04	
1910 Dividend on 5,481.28	301.47—	9,534.16
		9,957.59

Expenditures.

Traveling Expenses of Workers	283.43	
Expenses at Mission, per Rev. R. and S.	1,781.07	
Expenses for handling funds	190.15	
Supplies from Pittsburgh	15.43	
Insurance	20.25	
Salaries	5,953.63—	8,243.96
May 1, 1910, Balance		1,713.63

INDIAN MISSION.

Receipts.

W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery	1,000.00	
Receipts at Mission per Rev. W. W. C.	5,470.46	
From Congregations and Individuals	3,828.94	
A. Alexander Bequest, sixth payment	500.00	
W. J. Dodds Bequest	40.00	
Mrs. Nancy W. Smith Bequest	50.31	
Mrs. Marg. C. Hamilton Bequest	950.00	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	38.71	
James Aiton Bequest	100.00	
1910 Dividend on 2,000.00	110.00—	12,088.42

Expenditures.

Expenses at Mission per Rev. W. W. C.	4,163.16	
Traveling Expenses of Workers	193.87	
Preaching by O. Thompson and R. A. Blair	160.00	
Psalm Selections	1.00	
Insurance	94.00	
Expenses of Overdraft	84.65	
Expenses handling funds	190.15	
Salaries	3.419.96—	8,306.79
		3,781.63
May 1, 1909, Balance Overdrawn		2.061.79
May 1, 1910, Balance		1,719.84

GENEVA COLLEGE FUNDS.

Receipts.

From Congregations	1,154.57	
Tuition and local receipts	5,639.48	
Interest on Notes	318.87	
Mrs. Sarah J. Steele, 1910 dividend	55.00	
1910 Dividend on 165,637.95	9,110.09	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	19.35	
Collections per Rev. Robert Clarke	1,830.09	
Chapel rent and Dorm. on account	230.00—	18,357.45

Expenditures.

Salaries to May 1st 1910	13,502.50	
Prizes	55.00	
Supplies paid by J. S. T	196.92	
Salaries outside faculty	852.37	
Printing	304.95	
Taxes	42.38	
Advertisement	60.85	
Interest on Notes	488.68	
Expenses of Rev. Robert Clarke	150.76	
Expenses per local Treasurer	4,119.02	
Trav. Expenses Pres. W. H. George	134.72	
Curbing and Paving	464.00	
Interest on Overdraft	821.70	
Expenses for handling funds	190.15	
Survey	50.00—	21,434.00
		3,076.55

May 1, 1909, Balance Overdrawn		9,622.17
May 1, 1910, Balance Overdrawn		12,698.72

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	110.95	

Expenditures.

Magazines and Books	140.89	
May 1, 1910, Balance overdrawn	29.94	

GENEVA CO., LTD., ACCOUNT.

May 1 1909,, Balance due Trustees of Synod	998.19
May 1, 1910, Balance same as last year	998.19

GENEVA COLLEGE DORMITORY NOTE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909, Balance due Trustees of Synod	967.00
May 1, Balance same as last year	967.00

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT NOTE ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, 1909, Amount of Note given	15,291.43
Apr. 30, 1910, Total payments on Note to May 1st 1910	2,385.00
May 1st, 1910, Balance	12,906.43

TEMPERANCE FUND.

Receipts.

From Congregations	856.07	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	12.90—	868.97

Expenditures.

Supplies, Postage, Expressage, Salary	1,115.42
	246.45
May 1, 1909, Balance overdrawn	106.79
May 1, 1910, Balance overdrawn	353.24

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	49.40

Receipts.

From Congregations	1,500.89	
Mrs. S. Greer Bequest on account	546.32	

Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	25.81	
James Alton Bequest	100.00	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg	602.04	
1910 Dividend on 64,720.69	3,559.64	
1910 Dividend Ryegate and Barnett Cong.	17.88—	6,352.58
		6,401.98

Expenditures.

Salaries one year to June 1st	6,500.00	
R. R. Fare to Board Meetings	49.45	
Supplies	4.35	
Expenses for handling funds	126.77—	6,680.57
May 1, 1910, Balance overdrawn		278.59

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance		933.88

Expenditures.

Books and Magazines	67.44	
Printing and Binding	16.95—	84.39
May 1, 1910, Balance		849.49

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1909, Balance		4,665.88

Receipts.

Park Institute rent for year	800.0	
Park Institute water rent	25.25—	825.25
		5,491.13

Expenditures.

1910 city taxes	315.58	
Gas	31.20	
Repairs	149.52	
Supplies	76.77—	573.07
May 1, 1910, Balance		4,918.06

STUDENTS AID FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance		454.43

Receipts.

From Congregations	609.97	

Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	9.68	
Rev. H. McCarroll, on account Note	35.00	
1910 Dividend on 16,276.88	895.23—	1,549.88
		2,004.31

Expenditures.

By Order of Board of Control, viz:—

Robert Parke	120.00	
T. C. McKnight	200.00	
Jas. B. Tweed	200.00	
M. S. McMillan	200.00	
H. G. McConaughy	120.00	
F. F. Reade	200.00	
J. M. Rutherford	200.00—	1,240.00
May 1, 1910, Balance		764.31

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	998.32

Receipts.

From Congregations	635.49	
Miss Nancy W. Smith Bequest	50.30	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	9.68	
1910 Dividend on 12,878.52	708.32	
1910 Dividend Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	137.50	
1910 Dividen Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee	27.50	
1910 Dividend J. and M. J. Carlisle	27.50—	1,596.29
		2,594.61

Expenditures.

By Order Board of Control, viz:—

Rev. R. J. Dodds	300.00	
Rev. D. S. Faris	300.00	
Rev. J. M. Armour	300.00	
Rev. D. H. Coulter	300.00	
Rev. W. M. George	250.00	
Rev. J. C. K. Faris	300.00—	1,750.00
May 1, 1910, Balance		844.61

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DECEASED MINISTERS.

May 1, 1909, Balance	1,391.33

Receipts.

From Congregations	601.84	
Miss Nancy W. Smith Bequest	50.30	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	16.13	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg	602.04	
1910 Divdend on 6.770.02	372.35	
1910 Dividend Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee	137.50	
1910 Dividend Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee	27.50	
1910 Dividend Jas. R. McKee	110.00—	1,917.66
		3,308.99

Expenditures.

By Order of Board of Control, viz:—

Mrs. S. I. Clyde	300.00	
Mrs. R. R. Johnston	200.00	
Mrs. A. C. Wilson	200.00	
Mrs. Nancy Reid	200.00	
Mrs. M. Lawson	200.00	
Mrs. S. Love	75.00	
Mrs. E. S. Taylor	100.00	
Miss E. R. Williams	250.00	
Miss A. George	150.00	
Miss E. M. Cannon	150.00	
Miss J. Cannon	100.00	
Miss J. McDonald	125.00—	2,050.00
May 1,1910, Balance		1,258.99

OAKLAND CHINESE MISSION.

May 1, 1909, Balance		215.21

Receipts.

From Congregations	320.50	
1910 Dividend D. Gregg	602.04	
1910 Dividend on 400.00	22.00—	944.54

Expenditures.

Salary, Rev. W. C. Allen on account	298.21	
Rent	360.00—	658.21
May 1, 1910, Balance		501.54

TESTIMONY BEARING FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance	1,007.29

Receipts.

From Congregations	1,875.91	
Collections, per Rev. W. McKnight	277.60	
Mrs. M. J. McKibben Bequest	25.81	
James Aiton Bequest	100.00	
Chas. McIlroy Bequest, second payment	401.98—	2,681.30
		3,688.59

Expenditures.

Printing	162.20	
Advertisement	34.87	
Postage	21.88	
Expenses, Rev. W. J. McKnight	619.70	
Salary, Rev. W. J. McKnight	1,200.00	
Salary, Rev. J. M. Coleman	300.00	
Expenses in handling funds	63.38—	2.402.03
May 1, 1910, Balance		1,286.56

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

From Congregations	106.43

Expenditures.

Circulars	3.70	
Rev. M. M. Pearce, at Cincinnati, O		25.00
Rev. A. A. Samson	25.00	
Rev. D. H. Elliott, High Prairie	50.00—	103.70
May 1, 1910, Balance		2.73

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Total Amount of Endowments	584,633.30

Sundry Accounts.

Sundries	918.30
Contingent	1,244.84
Indian Mission	1,719.84
Theo. Seminary Library	849.49
Students' Aid	764.31
Memorial Building Rent	4,918.08

Aged Ministers	844.61	
Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	1,258 99	
Southern Mission	1,713 63	
Chinese Home Misson	501.54	
Testimony Bearing	1,286.56	
Evangelistic Committee	2 73	
Cash Donation	1,532.90	
Rev. R. Shields Donation	1,400.00	
Estate John Gibson	200.00	
William Gray Donation	434.80	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Donation	497.07	
Charles McIlroy Bequest	2,920.55	
Rev. Charles Clyde Home	1,070.84	
South Carolina Cemetery	12.25	
Mortgage Account Special	475.75	
W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery	200.00	
Education Pittsburg Presbytery	963.70	
Invest. Pittsburg Presbytery	2,350.00	
Current Pittsburg Presbytery	422.77	
Sabbath School Pittsburg Presbytery	19.10	
Sustentation	2,608.54	
Mrs. Belle T. Dodds Bequest	495.00	
Geneva College Gymnasium	607.50	—616,866.72

Assets.

David Gregg Mortgage Account	155,250.00	
Regular Mortgage	391,678.43	
Real Estate	49,683.72	
Office Furniture	484.68	
Cash	2,102.98	
Temperance	353.24	
Domestic Mission	2,695.58	
Theological Seminary	278.59	
Geneva College	12,698.72	
Geneva College Library	29.94	
Geneva College Dormitory	967.00	
Colorado Presbytery	150.00	
East Craftsbury Vt. Church	493.84	—616,866.72

Auditor's Certificate.

The undersigned appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Fef. Pres. Church of N. A. to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treas. would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts,

Mortgages and other Securities, Cash in Bank and find same correct as per Report to 1910 Synod. W. G. MILLER,
Pittsburg, Pa., May 16th, 1910. Audtor.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

May 1, 1909, Balance		$ 1,747.01
Receipts.		
From Congregations	$ .50	
Sale of R. P. Testimonies and Disciplines	45.50	
Sale of Psalm Books and Psalters	429.04	
Sale of Psalm Selections	67.74	
Sale of Confessions of Faith	32.00	
Sale of 1909 Minutes of Synod	301.70	
Sale of Old Minutes of Synod	.85	
Sale of Miscellaneous Books	3.30	$ 880.63
		$2,627.64
Expenditures.		
Printing 1909 Edition Book Discipline	$ 189.75	
Printing 1909 Synod Order of Business	4.50	
Printing 1909 Appropriation Blanks	11.50	
Printing 1909 Minutes of Synod	229.50	
Printing Statistical Blanks	4.00	
Printing Psalm Selections	116.22	
Insurance on Plates in New York City	22.57	
Storage to June 1st, 1910, Synod's Trunk	5.00	
Advertisements	14.50	
Expenses Rev. R. J. G. McKnight, Delegate Christ. Ref. Synod, Muskegon, Wis.	9.90	
Our Apportionment to March 31, 1910 Alliance Reformed Churches	40.00	
Comm. Expenses New Version Psalms	53.90	
Supplies	3.90	
Freight	7.30	
Postage and Expressage on Books	67.84	$ 780.38
May 1st, 1910, Balance		$1,847.26

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Auditing Committee.

GEORGE W. McKEE,
JNO. M. ALLEN,
Auditing Committtee.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 21st, 1910.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

May 1st, 1909 to May 1st, 1910.

May 1, 1909, Balance		$ 1,115.47

Receipts.

From Congs., Individuals and Societies	$4,364.50	
From Congs. and Individuals per J. S. Martin	889.32	
Preaching by J. S. Martin	512.26	
Sale of Literature per J. S. Martin	139.67	
Subscriptions to C. Statesman, J. S. Martin	1,153.73	
Subscriptions to Winona Lake, J. S. Martin	225.07	
Collected by J. R. Dill	1,157.98	
Collected by J. M. Foster	234.00	
Collected by T. P. Stevenson	85.00	
Collected by F. F. DeLong	258.25	$9,019.78
		$10,135.25

Expenditures.

Office Supplies and Expenses	$ 495.67	
Office Rent	300.00	
Phone	12.45	
Printing	276.00	
Printing and Postage of C. Statesman	1,510.67	
Traveling Expenses	249.04	
R. C. Wylie on acct. Editing Sabbath Laws	100.00	
Winona Lake, Ind. Expenses	262.35	
Amending Charter	60.79	
Advertisement	15.00	
Salary of Office Assistant	375.00	
Salary of James S. Martin	2,000.00	
Salary and Expenses J. R. Dill	1,437.98	
Salary and Expenses F. F. Delong	375.01	
Salary and Expenses J. M. Foster	234.00	
Salary and Expenses T. P. Stevenson	391.95	
Salary and Expenses J. R. Wylie	314.98	$8,410.89
May 1, 1910, Balance		$1,724.36

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Auditing Committee.

WM. A. C. BROWN,
J. S. MARTIN,
Auditors.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17th, 1910.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO MEET AT WINONA LAKE, IND., MAY 25th, 1910:

The Treasurer pro tem of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Board of Church Erection respectfully submits:

1. Financial Report covering the entire period from March 30th, 1909, to April 30th, 1910. This includes the accounts of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, up to February 23rd, 1910.

2. Report of Messrs. Haskins & Sells on the Audit of the accounts of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.

3. Certificate of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., on the Audit of the accounts of the Treasurer pro tem. for the period ending April 30th, 1910. Their certificate also covers the accuracy in combining the accounts for the entire period.

S. A. S. METHENY,
Treasurer pro tem.

Philadelphia, May 1st, 1910.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS AT APRIL 30th, 1910

Syrian Mission, General Fund	$ 6,848.71
Syrian Hospital Fund	2,586.80
New Station in China Fund	5,696.82
Church Erection Fund	5,290.20
Cyprus, Special Contribution Fund	542.00
China Mission, Special Contribution Fund	955.85
Tarsus Building Fund	4,151.89
Tarsus-Mersine Hospital Fund	386.64
China Mission Building Fund	3,010.71
Larnaca, Cyprus Building Fund	14.50
Dr. J. Maud George Hospital Account	123.60
Dr. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund	11,675.80
Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund	46.08
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund	1,622.62
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund	5,852.65
Lanphear Memorial Fund	5,572.16
Miss M. B. Edgar, Cemetery Fence Account	35.00
Semi-Centennial Mission Fund	6,223.91
Rev. R. A. Blair, Field Secretary Account	885.78
Discretionary Fund of Treasurer	71.32
In hands of Treasurer, due Jennie B. Kennedy	2.67

Less:—

Overdrafts in the following funds:

China Mission Gen'l Fund $1,174.88

Hospital in China, Bldg Fund	1,463.45	
Hospital in China, Dispensary	204.20—2,842.53	
Cash Balance April 30th, 1910		$58,753.18
Balance deposited as follows:—		
Farmers Loan & Trust Co., "Certificate of Deposit" in hands of David H. Miller ..	$42,000.00	
Brown Bros. & Co., Apr. 30, '10.	$ 4,010.45	
Deposit May 2nd	12,681.55	
Deposit May 5th	61.18--16,753.18	
Total		$58,753.18

SYRIAN MISSION GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	$ 45.16	
Less Amount belonging to Latakia Special Contribution	10.00—	35.16

Receipts.

Congregations	$10,819.46	
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies...	2,806.61	
Individuals and Bequests	2,405.24	
Bequests:—		
Andrew Alexander, 4th payment.....	2,500.00	
Andrew Alexander, 5th payment	2,500.00	
Charles McIlroy, 1st payment	619.35	
Charles McIlroy, 2nd payment	803.93	
Miss Margaret Gray, Rochester, N. Y...	476.25	
James Aiton, Rochester, N. Y.....	100.00	
Dividends:—		
David Gregg Endowment Fund, 1909..	2,847.15	
David Gregg Endowment Fund, 1910	3,010.20	
J. R. McKee Memorial Fund, 1909....	55.00	
J. R. McKee Memorial Fund, 1910....	55.00	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	50.00	
On invested Funds, 1909	2,729.84	
On invested Funds, 1910	2,729.84	
Total Receipts		$34,507.87
Total		$34,543.03

Disbursements.

Salaries	$ 13,027.07	
Mission Expenses:—		

Latakia and Suedia	$5,092.00		
Tarsus	3,950.00		
Cyprus	2,031.31	$11,073.31	
Shipping Expenses		281.70	
Traveling Expenses:—			
Rev. J. D. Edgar, Sterling, Kans. to Cyprus	249.56		
Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia, to Pittsburgh, Pa.	789.18		
Miss E. M. Sterrett, Philadelphia to Mersina	243.50		
Rev. C. A. Dodds, on account, Mersina to America	700.00		
Rev. Walter and Dr. Calvin McCarroll, on account, Cyprus to America	1,000.00	$ 2,982.24	
Rev. J. D. Edgar, outfit		160.00	
Request Tarsus Mission for Desks for Mersina School (Appropriation by Board)		150.00	
Sundry Expenses, Stationery, Etc.		20.00	
Total Disbursements		$27,694.32	
Balance on hand April 30th, 1910		6,848.71	
Total			$34,543.03

CHINA MISSION GENERAL FUND.

Balance reported last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$ 22.28

Receipts.

Congregations		$4,519.63	
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies		1,417.86	
Individuals and Bequests		1,043.67	
Bequsts:			
James Aiton, Rochester, N. Y.		100.00	
Dividends:			
J. R. McKee Memorial Fund, 1909.	$13.06		
J. R. McKee Memorial Fund, 1910,.	13.06		26.12
Miscellaneous:			
Traveling Expenses refunded, Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney.	686.43		
Colorado Presbytery, Account of Salary,			

Dr. Kate McBurney.....	600.00	
Third Philadelphia Congregation, Account of Salary, Dr. J. M. Wright.....	500.00	
Transferred from Lanphear Memorial Fund.....	400.00	2,186.43
Total Receipts		9,293.71
Total		9,315.99

Disbursements.

Salaries	$8,718.81	
Mission Expenses	508.35	
Shipping Expenses	40.11	
Traveling Expenses: Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, San Francisco to Canonsburg, Pa., and thence to Hong Kong.	$579.22	
Rev. W. M. Robb, Hong Kong to Bovina, N. Y.....	396.38	975.60
China Hospital, Dr. Jean McBurney for microscope and accessories.....		148.00
Transferred to China Mission Special Contribution, due for unexpended balance March 29th, 1909.....		100.00
Total Disbursements	10,490.87	
Less Overdraft, April 30th, 1910.....	1,174.88	
Total		9,315.99

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FUNDS.

Latakia

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.....	$ 10.00
Receipts from all sources.....	712.67
Total	722.67
Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treasurer	722.67

Suedia

Receipts from all sources.....	50.00
Remittance to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treasurer	50.00

Tarsus		
Receipts from all sources		417.24
Remittance to Dr. John Peoples, Treasurer		417.24
Cyprus		
Receipts from all sources		649.50
Remittance to Rev. Walter McCarroll, Treas.	107.50	
Balance on hand April 30th, 1910	542.00	
Total		649.50
China Mission		4
Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$ 100.00
Recepts from all Sources		1,493.68
Total		$1,593.68
Remitttances to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treas.	$637.83	
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	955.85	
Total		$1,593.68

NEW STATION IN CHINA FUND.

Balance reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$6,477.72
Interest to date		219.10
Total		$6,696.82
Remittances to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treas.	$1,000.00	
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	5,696.82	
Total		$6,696.82

SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer ..... $ 6,827.64

Receipts.

General Donations	$ 20.00	
Donations for Syrian Mission	12.50	
Donations for China Mission	13.50	
Donations for Desks, Boy's School, China	50.00	
Interest to date	195.39	291.39
Totai Receipts		$7,119.03

Disbursements.

Jewish Mission Board,		
From Los Angeles Congregation	$25.00	
From Miss Mary J. McConnell	50.00	$75.00
Chinese Home Mission ,		
From Miss Mary J. McConnell		50.00
Cyprus Mission Medical Department,		
From Y. M. League, Brooklyn		500.00
By Order of the Board of Foreign Missions,		
Auditing,		
Haskell & Sells, accounts of Treasurer	$70.00	
Price, Waterhouse & Co., accts. Treasurer pro tem	50.00	120.00
Printing, Programs, Circulars, etc.		92.22
Expenses, Treasurer pro tem. (Stenographer, Postage, etc.)		47.90
Mr. Walter T. Miller's Clerk, Additional Allowance		10.00
Total Disbursements		995.12
Balance on hand April 30th, 1910		6,223.91
Total		$5,972.16

LANPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$5.754.00
Interest to date		218.16
Total		$5,972.16
Transferred to China Mission General Fund Account Salary Rev. Julius A. Kempf	$ 400.00	
Balance on hand April 30th, 1910	5,572.16	
Total		$5,972.16

TURKISH RELIEF FUND.

Contributions from all Sources		$6,614.85
Remittances,		
Latakia	$2,685.02	
Mersine	3,350.93	
Alexandretta	314.32	
Cyprus	250.00	

Cable Charges, Advising Remittances	14.58	
Total		$6,614.85

SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$2,713.46

Receipts.

Contributions from all Sources,		
For General Purposes	$168.75	
For Support of Beds	$350.00	
Dividend:—		
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee Fund for Support of Bed	60.00—	410.00
Total Receipts		$3,292.21

Disbursements.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., for Supplies	97.04	
Parke, Davis &Co. for supplies.....	108.37	
Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph	500.00	
Total Disbursements	$ 705.41	
Balance on hand April 30th, 1910	$2,586.80	
Total		$3,292.21

HOSPITAL IN CHINA (Dispensary Fund).

OVERDRAFT reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		$229.20
Contribution from Y. P. S. C. E., Olathe Congregation	25.00	
OVERDRAFT, April 30th, 1910	204.20	
Total		$229.20

TARSUS BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	$3,992.20
Interest to date	159.69
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	$4,151.89

TARSUS-MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	$371.77
Interest to date	14.87
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	386.64

CHINA MISSION BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	2,894.91
Interest to date	115.80
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	3,010.71

DR. J. MAUDE GEORGE, HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	118.85
Interest to date	4.75
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	123.60

REV. D. J. SHAW, FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	11,226.73
Interest to date	449.07
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910,	11,675.80

DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	1,560.21
Interest to date	62.41
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	1,622.62

ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	5,627.55
Interest to date	225.10
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	5,852.65

REV. R. A. BLAIR, FIELD SECRETARY, ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by

Walter T. Miller, Treasurer		20.00
Receipts by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, Undistributed, Feb. 23rd, 1910	606.42	
Receipts by Treasurer pro tem.:		
Rev. R. A. Blair	$413.86	
Ohio Presbytery on Salary of Rev. R. A. Blair	18.00	431.86
Total Receipts		1,038.28
Total		1,058.28

Disbursements.

China Mission, Motor Boat	101.00	
China Mission, Special Contributions	51.50	
Contributions by		
Rev. R. A. Blair and wife for		
Syrian Mission	$10.00	
China Mission	10.00	20.00
Total Distribution by Treasurer pro tem.	172.50	
Balance Undistributed, April 30th, 1910	885.78	
Total		1,058.28

NOTE—In his Report to the Board of Foreign Missions, Mr. Blair makes the following statement:

Total Contributions received during the year	$1,762.06	
Expenses during the same period	453.78	
Balance left for Mission Work		1,308.28

TREASURER'S DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by Walter T. Miller, Treasurer	70.07
Contributions from Miss Katie Dixon, Princeton, Indiana, Congregation	1.25
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1910	71.32

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Miss M. B. Edgar, Cemetery Account	35.00
Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund	1,463.45
Larnaca, Cyprus, Building Fund	14.50
Overdraft, China Hospital Building Fund	1,463.45

IN HANDS OF TREASURER PRO TEM., PROPERTY OF

"Jennie B. Kennedy"
(Mrs. S. H. Kennedy, Alexandretta) 2.67

CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Balance on hand reported to last Synod by
Walter T. Miller, Treasurer $4,723.99

Receipts.

Congregations	782.80	
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies....	9.82	
Individuals and Bequests.....	84.55	
Dividends:		
David Gregg Endowment Fund. $602.04		
Invested Funds 187.00	789.04	
Total Receipts		1,666.21
Total		6,390.20

Disbursements.

Topeka, Kansas, Congregation by		
Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.....	600.00	
Princeton, Indiana, Congregation, by		
Order of the Board of Church Erection..	500.00	
Total Disbursements	1,100.00	
Balance on hand, April 30th, ...	5,290.20	
Total		6,390.20

S. A. S. METHENY,
Treasurer Pro Tem.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer pro tem.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the
Reformed Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church from February 23rd to April 30th, 1910, which covers the period during which you served as Treasurer pro tem.

In order to present to the Board a complete statement of receipts and disbursements since the last report, which was made on March 29, 1909, we have combined the accounts of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, embracing the receipts and disbursements from

March 29, 1909, to February 23, 1910, with those of the Treasurer pro tem. By referring to the statement it will be noted that of the balance of funds the sum of $42,000.00 is represented by a certificate of deposit issued by the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., of New York City, dated December 10, 1909. This certificate, however, is payable to the order of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was found to be in the possession of Mr. David H. Miller, son of the Treasurer.

Yours very truly,
PRICE, WATERHOUS & CO.

THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., Treasurer

May 1, 1909, to April 30, 1910.

Receipts.

Balance reported to last Synod	$ 485.12	
Congregations	1,109.36	
Sabbath Schools and Societies	425.75	
Individuals and Bequests	328.99	
Interest on Deposits	5.65	$2,354.87

Disbursements.

Salaries:—		
Rev. E. J. Feuersohn	$900.00	
Miss Mary F. Bell	480.00	
Miss Mary Cupples	88.75	
Miss Edith Boyd	213.34	
Miss Ethel Kuchin	72.00	
Mr. W. H. Henderson	38.00	$1,792.09
General Expenses	310.63	
Repairs to Building	53.25	
Travelling Expenses, Miss Edith Boyd	24.00	
Balance on hand April 30, 1910	174.90	$2,354.87

S. A. S. METHENY, Treasurer.

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is a condensed statement taken from the itemized account in the book of the Treasurer, which we have examined and found correct.

J. C. McFEETERS,
WILLIAM STEELE,
Auditors.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 10th, 1910.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association would respectfully report that during the year closing March 1, 1910, twenty-eight meetings were held in the interest of the Home; five of the Association, seven of the Board of Directors, and sixteen of the Board of Managers. These meetings have all been well attended, thereby showing the interest in, and love for the work of the Home.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote one hundred forty-nine postals, fifty-three pulpit notices, one hundred eighteen letters, distributed five hundred sixty printed reports and sent an invitation for Donation and Reception Day to each Congregatioal Manager and the Physicians.

The various committees have been faithful in the performance of duties assigned them, and I would make special mention of the House Committee, appointed from month to month. The members have volunteered freely to serve on this committee, and at times the work has been very arduous, necessitating many visits and the giving of much time, particularly during the winter months on account of the serious illness of many of the members of the Home. But the work has been cheerfully and lovingly performed, and the workers will in no wise lose their reward.

Since our last report three persons have been admitted to the Home: Mrs. Isabella Dickey, of Tarentum, Pa., Sept. 18, 1909; Miss Sara J. Mahaffey, of Tarentum, Pa., Nov. 2, 1909, and Miss Elizabeth Gray, of Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 28 1909.

Six of our number have been called away by death: Miss Sarah Woodside, June 12, 1909; Mrs. Jane Cook, Aug. 23, 1909; Mr. William Kilpatrick, Oct. 28, 1909; Miss Mary J. Johnston, Jan. 24, 1910; and Mrs. Mary R. Aiten, Feb. 2, 1910, and Miss Nancy DuShane, June 21, 1909.

We are glad to report that our Matron, Miss Jamison, who has been passing through affliction and for several weeks was laid upon a bed of weakness, is recovering and we hope will soon be enjoying health and strength again.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Physicians, the Ministers and the Students and to all who have contributed to the comfort of the members of the Home.

Twenty-four sermons were preached and the mid-week prayer meetings have been much enjoyed. A Thanksgiving service was held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, and the family wor-

ship conducted by Mr. Thomas McKnight is a source of comfort and strength to all.

The Annual Donation and Reception Day was held Oct. 5th from two to ten, about three hundred thirty persons visited the Home, and many gifts of fruit and groceries were received. The donations of money amounted to three hundred forty-two dollars.

We are glad to report five new Life Members to the Association: Mrs. A. M. Milligan, Anna Siemon McKee, Eleanor Anderson McKee, Isabelle Lucretia Martin and J. H. McBurney, and one Honorary Member, John C. Boggs.

We are thankful to report a decrease on our debt of seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

The congregational collections this year amounted to five hundred two dollars and fifty-seven cents.

We again ask for an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

SUMMARY.

Receipts.

1909—March 1 BALANCE	$1,985.68	
Eda S. E. McKee Room	2.00	
Ward Robe Committee Room	9.50	
Mrs. Mary Dickie	100.00	
Miss Mehaffey	42.00	
Mrs. Anna Daugherty	123.80	
Managers' Contingent Fund	10.00	
Congregational Collections	502.57	
Miss Eliza Gray	300.00	
Mrs. Susan Patterson	59.27	
Membership Dues	230.75	
Interest	378.45	
Eccles Sisters	754.29	
Admissions	600.00	
Boarding	515.25	
John Porterfield Bequest	4,782.48	
Jane Gardner Bequest	2,000.00	
Eleanor Porterfield Bequest	800.00	
Mrs. McKibben Bequest	6.45	
Current Expenses	3,913.39	17,115.88

Expenditures.

D. & M. E. McKee Room	5.00
Margaret Galbraith Room	58.28
Eda S. E. McKee Room	3.55

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKee Room	6.00	
Lizzie Hunter Room	5.00	
Joseph and Mary Hunter Room	6.75	
Samuel McKee Room	10.15	
Ward Robe Committee Room	5.00	
David Torrence Room	5.00	
Thank Offering Room	6.50	
John Davidson Room	6.65	
Elizabeth Wylie Room	5.00	
Jane Lindsey Room	5.00	
J. C. Elder	10.80	
Managers' Contingent Fund	20.75	
Aiton Memorial Room	11.38	
Mrs. J. H. Ward Room	5.00	
Interest	1,536.83	
Samuel McNaugher Room	10.40	
McIntosh Room	5.00	
Martha McConnell Room	5.00	
House Expense	1,765.07	
Salary	1,132.63	
James Temple	390.19	
James Tibby—Synod's Board	3,150.00	
Dollar Savings Fund and Trust Company	4,000.00	
Current Expense	2,574.34	14,745.27
March 1st, 1910, BALANCE		2,370.61

Respectfully submitted,
ANNETTE G. WALLACE, Treasurer.

The above is a true copy of Cash Book Balance as shown up to March 1st, 1910.

WILLIAM J. WARD,
JAMES F. McKEE,
WM. ESLER,
CHAS. H. HASLETT,
Audit Committee.

March 15, 1910.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Domestic Mission Conference composed of the Central Board of Missions and representatives of Presbyteries met in the chapel of the Westminster Hotel, May 24, 1910, 7:30 P. M. The Conference was led in prayer by the Rev. J. S. Thompson. J. S Thompson was chosen chairman and F. M. Wilson secretary of the Conference. Appropriations amounting to $17,500.00 were made to the following congregations:

Colorado Presbytery.

Oakland (if needed)	$ 1,150.00
Los Angeles	600.00
Content	400.00
Santa Anna	575.00
Evans	150.00
Regina	800.00

Kansas Presbytery.

Topeka	200.00
Billings	155.00
Wahoo, for supplies as much as they raise not to exceed	200.00
Superior, for supplies, $150; in case of settlement	200.00
Holmwood, for supplies, dollar for dollar raised not to exceed	100.00
For stated supply four months	150.00
Kansas City	500.00
Hebron	275.00
Tabor	200.00

Ohio Presbytery.

Bellcentre	300.00
Jonathan's Creek, for the coming four months	100.00
Cedarville, to supplement salary of pastor	300.00
Hethertor	350.00
Bellefontaine	450.00
Fairgrove	400.00
Detroit, for stated supply, $900; in case of settlement.. $11 per day for supplies.	1,100.00

Pittsburg Presbytery.

Bear Run and Mahoning	200.00
Brookland	200.00
North Union	100.00
Youngstown	700.00
McKeesport, for supplies, $300; in case of settlement..	700.00
Middletown, for supplies, $5 per Sabbath, not to exceed.	125.00
Pine Creek	150.00
Slippery Rock	250.00
Mercer	300.00

New York Presbytery.

Second Boston	500.00
Brooklyn, in case of settlement	100.00

Cambridge	400.00
Coldenham	250.00
Craftsbury, in case the congregation raise a like amount	200.00
Ryegate, for supplies	60.00
West Hebron	450.00
White Lake	150.00

Rochester Presbytery.

Lisbon	400.00
Syracuse, in case of settlement	400.00
Lochiel	300.00

Iowa Presbytery.

Hickory Grove, $6 per Sabbath not to exceed	110.00
Washington	200.00
Vernon, in case of settlement	300.00

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Barnsville	450.00
Cornwallis	400.00
St. John	400.00

Illinois Presbytery.

Selma	400.00
Colterville	350.00

The following items are submitted:

1. The Conference expressed its appreciation of the fact that La Junta, Denver, Jonathan's Creek have become self sustaining.

2. The Conference expresses its appreciation of the services of the Rev. H. G. Patterson in Detroit.

3. The Conference recommends that Synod authorize Colorado Presbytery to organize a mission station at Scottsdale, Arizona, and that $500.00 be appropriated to the Presbytery for the work in that field.

4. Inasmuch as some congregations do not wish settled pastors and inasmuch as some ministers do not wish to take permanent pastorates, Conference recommends that Synod appoint a committee, to consist of one representative from each Presbytery, whose duty shall be:

First—To classify the congregations and ministers asking for supplies and that this be with special view to giving vacant congregations pastoral oversight at the earliest possible date. Also to recommend a better plan for the use of Presbyteries in their care

of vacancies. This committee to report before the close of Synod.

Second—To classify all the congregations of the church and recommend a minimum salary for each.

5. In explanation of the term "wage-earner", used in the application blanks for use of congregations, the following action was taken:

By "wage-earner" we mean both such members of the congregations as have an independent income and those who are producers of wealth, although they may have no independent income.

6. In explanation of item 1, page 77, of last year's report, the Conference offers the following:

(1) Congregations receiving aid from the Domestic Mission Fund, are expected to pay the full amount of their own subscriptions for preaching.

(2) Clerks of Presbyteries will certify congregations to the Board for only so much of the appropriations made as will be necessary, in addition to their own subscriptions, to pay for the preaching actually received. e. g.—A congregation promising an amount equal to $75.00 per quarter and receiving not more than five days' preaching in a quarter, will not be entitled to any supplement for that quarter. If receiving six days' preaching in a quarter it will be entitled to not more than $15.00 for that quarter. If receiving seven days' preaching in a quarter it will be entitled to not more than $30.00 for that quarter.

(3) A congregation receiving more than one-fourth of its appropriation during any quarter shall have the amount received in excess of the one-fourth of its appropriation deducted from the payments of the succeeding quarters.

(4) A congregation receiving a sum less than the proportion of its appropriation at the end of any quarter may receive a like sum in excess of the proportion of its appropriation for the succeeding quarters provided sufficient preaching be taken to earn it.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman.
F. M. WILSON, Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET

Showing the condition of the different funds, the balance on hand or overdrawn.

	Overdrawn.	Balance.
Students' Aid Fund		$ 746.31
Aged Ministers' Fund		844.61
Widows' and Orphans' Fund		1,258.99
Theological Seminary	$ 278.59	
Jewish Mission		174.90

Southern Mission		1,713.63
Indian Mission		1,719.84
Domestic Mission	2,695.58	
Chinese Home Mission		501.54
Syrian Mission		6,848.71
National Reform		1,724.38
Temperance	353.24	
Mission in China	1,174.88	
Testimony Bearing		1,286.56
Geneva College	12,698.72	
Church Erection		5,290.20
Literary Fund		1,847.26
Sustentation		2,608.54
	$17,201.01	$26,665.47

F. M. Foster gave notice of dissent from the action of Synod in adopting that part of the report which provides for an appropriation to the National Reform Association, for himself and all those who might desire to join with him.

R. C. Wylie, T. P. Stevenson and T. H. Acheson were appointed to prepare an answer to the reason of dissent.

DISSENT OF F. M. FOSTER AND OTHERS.

The undersigned dissent from the action of Synod in making a definite appropriation to the National Reform Association and fixing a day for the collection; and for the following reason:—

As a matter of ecclesiastical law it is believed that Synod is not clothed with authority to lay on the Church a collection and hand over that collection to an organization over which Synod has no control. Voluntary Associations should be supported by voluntary contributions.

Signed,

F. M. Foster,
J. C. McFeeters,
W. J. Coleman,
S. J. Johnston,
J. M. Johnston,
John H. Pritchard,
John E. Wilson,
W. W. Carithers,
John C. Slater,
D. C. Mathews,
T. K. Tippin,
J. R. Latimer,
M. R. Mahaffy,
Owen F. Thompson,
J. Renwick Dill,
John Parkhill,
J. G. Stevenson,
J. D. McKnight,
John Coleman,
T. J. Bowes,
Thos. McFall,
W. A. Aikin,
Walter C. McClurkin,
J. G. McElhinney,
John W. Pritchard,
J. S. Thompson,
Elmer Russell,
G. R. McBurney,

J. W. Young,
James T. Mitchell,
M. A. Gault,
A. D. McNeill,
Adam Walkinshaw,
G. M. Robb,
John Taggart,
Wm. McFarland,
C. J. Lewis,
D. S. Anderson,
R. C. Campbell,
J. F. Crozier,
W. T. K. Thompson,
W. G. Robb,
W. J. McBurney,
W. M. Robb,
J. M. Coleman,
J. W. Marshall,
A. J. McFarland,
James Park,
A. A. Wylie,
D. L. Threewit,
W. R. Sterrett.

The following answer to the reason of dissent was read and adopted:

ANSWER TO DISSENT OF F. M. FOSTER AND OTHERS.

To the foregoing reasons of dissent Synod gives the following answer:

1. The decision of Synod on the continuance of the National Reform Collection was reached after sessions of earnest and fervent prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is our belief that these prayers were answered and that the decision is in accordance with the mind of Christ.

2. The custom of calling for an annual collecton to be passed over to the treasury of the National Reform Association was introduced nearly fifty years ago, by our worthy fathers who well understood the principles of ecclesiastical law, and who were exceedingly judicious in their application of them.

3. The reason assigned for discontinuing this custom, if adopted, would be equally operative in preventing proper authorities in our congregations from directing such collections, and the congregations themselves from lifting them even on their own option, thus making all collections for voluntary associations unlawful.

4. The principle underlying the reason of dissent is so sweeping in its application as to render all collections in every church for the American Bible Society and other similar organizations unlawful.

5. While the National Reform Association is not under the control of Synod, and while there may not be any legal responsibility resting upon us for its financial support, because of the principles it maintains and its need of financial resources there is a moral responsibility of which we cannot be relieved while it remains steadfast to its avowed principles.

6. If at any time there are well grounded fears that our con-

tributions may not be wisely used the annual collection may be discontinued or passed over to the treasury of the National Reform Association on the express condition that it be used as Synod may direct, thus exercising all necessary control over these funds.

7. The right of Synod to direct the members of the Church in the matter of political dissent, an act lying wholly in the civil sphere, involves the right to give direction as to co-operation with the National Reform Association, which is also in the civil sphere; and this involves the further right to direct as to the financial support that may be given this Association.

R. C. WYLIE,
T. P. STEVENSON,
T. H. ACHESON,
Committee.

The clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for James S. Tibby, James A. McAteer and James H. McBurney to be their own successors as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years ending June 15, 1913.

R. M. Sommerville and Thomas McFall were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

W. J. Coleman, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sustentation, was appointed a committee to determine which congregation should receive aid from the Sustentation Fund during the fiscal year.

The special committee to which was referred certain questions relating to the marriage of a believer with an unbeliever reported. Pending the discussion of the report the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee to report at next meeting of Synod. The Committee on Nominations to name the members of the Committee.

R. Hargrave and J. G. Stevenson were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was taken from the table. The Committee submitted their report on item 3, recommitted, which was adopted. Item 1, laid on the table, was taken up. Synod resolved to refer the appeal and complaint of J. F. Crozier to a Judicial Commission. The Committee on Nominations to name the members of the Commission.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee would respectfully report that there were referred to us five papers.

1. The appeal and complaint of J. F. Crozier against the Pittsburg Presbytery.

2. The memorial from the Iowa Presbytery.

3. The memorial from the Topeka Session.

4. The complaint and appeal of T. C. Mathews and others against the Ohio Presbytery.

5. Questions asked by the Colorado Presbytery.

1. In regard to the first paper we report that the paper is regular and the accompanying documents are here, and ready for the action of Synod.

2. The memorial from the Iowa Presbytery proposes two questions, viz:

(1). "In case of congregations with a settled pastor is not the following a fair interpretation of the law and order of the R. P. church, and is not the violation of the same an irregularity? The pastor of the congregation shall always be the moderator of the session, except when, for prudential reasons, it may appear advisable that some other minister should be invited to preside, in which case the pastor may, with the concurrence of the session, invite such minister as they may see meet, belonging to the same Presbytery, to preside in that case."

(2). In case of congregations with no settled pastor is not the following a fair interpretation of the law and order of the R. P. church, and is not the violation of the same an irregularity? It is not lawful for the session of a church that is without a pastor to invite a minister of another Presbytery to moderate its sessions, except when as specially authorized by the Presbytery to which the congregation belongs."

We answer both questions in the affirmative.

3. As to the memorial from the Topeka Session asking "that Synod give such a deliverance on the Jury Question as will leave the members of the church in no dilemma as to whether they may serve or not," and "that if the members of the church are not permitted to serve as jurors the Synod proceed to formulate definite objections to such course, and put them in printed form and have them distributed among the congregations, so that the members may have at hand a properly worded defence to present to the court."

We recommend the following deliverance:

It is the judgment of the Synod that no Christian can consistently serve on a jury in any case where the juror is required

to swear to decide "According to the law and evidence" without the distinct understanding by the court that the juror does not bind himself to decide by any law except in so far as said law is in harmony with the law of Christ, for the following reasons:

(1). The law of Christ must be the supreme law of the Christian. The Bible distinctly teaches that Christ is the Ruler of nations, that he is "King of kings and Lord of lords," and that all power is given to Him not only in heaven but also in earth. The teaching of Christ as found in the Scriptures settles the principle on which all law in order to bind the conscience of the Christian must be based, and therefore any legislation that does not conform to such principles cannot, for that very reason, bind the conscience of the Christian, and he cannot accept such legislation as his guide in deciding a case.

(2). The Constitution of the United States which declares itself to be the "supreme law of the land" does not in any way recognize the supremacy of the law of Christ, thus making it possible that legislation, both in the general government and in particular states, may be in positive violation of the law of Christ, which must be the supreme law of the Christian.

(3). There have been some laws enacted by Congress and by State Legislatures which have been in conflict with the teaching of the Bible—such as the Fugitive Slave law of former days or some of the divorce laws of the present time and others that might be mentioned. Therefore no court has a right to expect, much less to require, a Christian to violate the convictions of his own conscience by asking him to swear to administer any law under this government except in so far as said law is in harmony with the teachings of Christ which the Christian has already accepted as the only authority which can bind his conscience.

It is our judgment that a member of our church has no occasion in asking to be excused from jury service to say anything about the law of the church prohibiting him from such service, as that is a matter with which the civil court has nothing to do; but should ground his plea on his own conscientious convictions which the Court is bound to respect.

And it is the judgment of this Committee that no court can refuse to excuse a Christian from violating his own convictions and solemn engagements.

(4). As to the complaint and appeal of T. C. Mathews and others against the Ohio Presbytery, we recommend that the Ohio Presbytery be directed to hold a meeting in his place and take immediate steps to have this case adjudicated.

(5). As to the question asked by Colorado Presbytery:

(1) "Is it permissible to appoint on a judicial commission a member of session in a congregation of another presbytery?"

(2). "Is it permissible to appoint on a judicial commission an ordained elder who is not now a member of the session?"

To the first question we reply—We believe there is no law of the church authorizing such action, but our Book of Discipline recognizes the principle that "under extraordinary circumstances extraordinary things may be done.

To the second question we reply—That it is competent to a presbytery to appoint such an elder for the purpose designated when the circumstances are such as to require it.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH FARIS,
G. A. EDGAR,
S. G. CONNER,
GEORGE GUNN,
A. J. SWANK,
Committee.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was read, and the scale of appointments was adopted, and the recommendations were taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 4 inclusive were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your committee has at its disposal the services of twenty-five men and Presbyteries asking for 12 1-2 laborers. The following distribution has been made:

Allen, Frank—June, Ohio; July, Iowa; August, September, Pittsburg; May, Iowa.

Allen, T. J.—June, July, Iowa; August, September, Illinois; October, November, Kansas; December, January, Iowa; February, Ohio; March, New York; April, Pittsburg; May, Rochester.

Allen, R. C.—June, July, Ohio; August, September, Iowa; October, November, Ohio; December, January, Rochester; February, Pittsburg; March, Ohio; April, Iowa; May, Illinois.

Coleman, Paul—June to August, Pittsburg; September to May, New York.

Dill, J. W.—June to August, Ohio; September to November, Iowa; December, Illinois; January to May, Kansas.

Dodds, R. J.—June, July, New York; August, Rochester; September to November, Pittsburg; December, January, Ohio; February to May, Pittsburg.

Frazer, F. D.—Colorado, entire year.

Crozier, J. F.—June, July, Colorado; August, September, Kansas; October, November, Illinois; December, January, Iowa; February, March, Rochester; April, May, Ohio.

Johnston, W. P.—June to May, Pittsburg.

Johnson, A. A.—June, July, Pittsburg; August to October, Rochester; November, New York, December, January, February, Iowa; March, Illinois; April, May, Kansas.

Paden, W. C.—June, Iowa; July, August, September, Ohio; October, November, December, Iowa; February, Illinois; March, Kansas; April, May, Colorado.

Patterson, H. G.—June, Pittsburg; July, August, Illinois; September, Iowa; October, November, Kansas; December, January, Colorado; February, March, Kansas; April, Illinois; May, Iowa.

McKnight, T. C.—June, July, Illinois; August, September, May, Kansas.

McMillan, M. S.—June, July, Kansas; August, September, Illinois; May, Illinois.

Morrow, S. M.—June, New York; July, Rochester; August, September, Iowa; October, Illinois; November, Iowa; December, January, February, Ohio; March, April, Iowa; May, Illinois.

McBurney, G. R.—November, December, Colorado; January, February, Kansas; March, Illinois; April, May, Iowa.

Thompson, W. T. K.—June, Pittsburg; July, Rochester; August, Pittsburg; September, Ohio; October, Iowa; November, Illinois; December, Illinois; January, Kansas; February, March, Colorado; April, Kansas; May, Iowa.

McFarland, J. A.—June, July, Kansas; August, September, Colorado; October, Ohio; November, Rochester; December, Rochester; January, February, New York; March, Ohio; April, May, Pittsburg.

Taggart, D. R.—June, Ohio; July, Pittsburg; August, Kansas; September, Illinois; October, Iowa; November, Iowa; December, January, Rochester; February, New York; March, April, May, Ohio.

Sproull, T. C.—June, July, Pittsburg; August, September, New York; October, November, Ohio; December to February, Pittsburg; March, Iowa; April, Illinois; May, Kansas.

Sharp, B. M.—June, Pittsburg; July, Ohio; August, September, Iowa; October, Illinois; November, December, Kansas; January, Colorado, February, Illinois; March, Ohio; April, Ohio; May, Pittsburg.

Smith, C. M.—June, Pittsburg; July, Rochester; August, Ohio; September, Iowa; October, Kansas; November, Illinois; December, January, February, Kansas; March, Illinois; April, Iowa; May, Ohio.

Robb, W. M.—June, July, August New York; September, Illi-

nois; October, November, Ohio; December, Kansas; January, February, March, Iowa; April, May, Illinois.

McFarland, Wm.—June to November, New York; January, February, March, Pittsburg; April, May, Rochester.

Park, Robert—September, Rochester; October, Pittsburg; November, Ohio; December, January, Iowa; February to April, Kansas; May, Colorado.

We recommend:—

1. That the Committees of Supplies give the preference during vacation months to Licentiates who are still students of theology.

2. Recognizing the desirability of an early settlement we recommend that Committees of Supplies comply as far as possible with the preference of congregations.

3. That congregations having the permission of Presbytery to supply themselves do so through the agency of the Committee of Supplies.

4. That laborers are expected to report as promptly as possible to the Presbytery's Committee of Supplies their inability to meet their appointments.

E. A. CROOKS,
JOHN C. SLATER,
SAMUEL G. SHAW,
JAS. S. ARTHUR,
J. E. WILSON,
Committee.

G. M. Robb and J. S. Arthur were excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

The Committee on Temperance reported back the item recommitted. The item was adopted.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance would report:

During the year the work has been carried on along the same lines as in the past, for we kept steadily before our minds that our work was one of education, and keeping the concise truths that admit of no argument before the people, old and young, was as effective a way to accomplish this as any we knew. A larger number of common schools used the posters on the walls, more Chautauquas and fairs had them posted on their grounds, they entered as an element in more local and state campaigns, than in former years,

and more people expressed their appreciation of the good they were doing. We have found the W. C. T. U. one of the most effective aids in the placing of our literature before the public. Every time the matter was brought before the public, we aimed to put in the truth in this public way and thus when men have their minds awakened, we consider it a golden opportunity to direct their minds to the proper settlement of the question.

We are fairly convinced that all attempts to settle this question in a local way will be in a great measure disappointing, especially while the U. S. Government for money, will agree to sanction the traffic and compel its passage across state lines into prohibition territory. Thus it will ever be while men for money will trifle with a question that God has settled. Our government in thus trifling with this iniquity is adding to the measure of the wrath of God, which will be remembered in the day of his visitation. In the money we take as our share in the business we are branding ourselves as disregarding the rights of God and man, and our brothers' blood crieth from the ground.

No compromise with the traffic in any way is possible to the child of God and the only ground the U. S. government can safely occupy is one of absolute antagonism to liquor as a beverage.

The statements giving the amount of territory in the U. S. that is "dry," is misleading in that a comparitively small area in a town or city will furnish liquor for a large outlying district around it, and when the area is larger as in state wide prohibition, the express companies carry in the packages that nullify the law, no difference how good it may be.

Add to this the fact that in many districts the enforcement of the law is in the hands of those who are not in sympathy with the spirit of prohibition and we realize how broken a reed we are leaning on when we consider even state wide prohibition as a victory.

The value of outlawing the traffic and putting it under the ban of the law is very great, especially in its moral effect on the youth, even when the administration of the law is entirely given over to those who hold the law in contempt.

1. We declare our conviction that nothing short of national legislation completely outlawing the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes, will accomplish the end we seek.

2. We condemn, unsparingly, all schemes by which the traffic becomes a source of revenue, because such complicity with sin debauches, not only the drinker but also the one who mistakenly believes that such revnue saves his own pocketbook, and becomes satisfied with such an arrangement.

3. We consider that in the light of the present day the use of tobacco is indefensible and we urge all members of the church who use it, to cleanse themselves of this habit, not only for their health and growth in grace, but for the influence upon the youth who are constantly tempted to acquire the habit.

4. We urge our congregations to give careful attention to the Temperance lessons in the Sabbath School and to make all possible use on that day of the literature furnished by the Committee.

5. We ask for an appropriation of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for this work for the coming year and that the fourth Sabbath of November be observed as Temperance Sabbath and the collection be taken on that day.

Signed,

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. S. McGAW.
M. M. PEARCE,
T. G. GRAHAM,
A. M. MITCHELL,
Committee

The following resolution, introduced by T. H. Acheson, was adopted:

Resolved that this Synod appoint a delegate this year to the Inter Church Temperance Federation, and that our delegates be instructed to explain our difficulty with reference to the clause in their constitution relating to the use of the ballot, and to ascertain their understanding of the bearing of this clause on the position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

T. H. Acheson was appointed as the delegate from this Synod.

The Board of Control reported. The report was read and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control held one meeting during the year. All business committed to their management was given due consideration.

Each application for aid was carefully considered and each appropriation made according to our best judgment and the rules Synod governing our actions.

Seven students of theology, seven aged ministers and twelve widows and orphans of deceased ministers received aid.

The terms of G. A. Edgar and S. O. Carson expire this year and we ask Synod to appoint their successors.

For the ensuing year we ask the following appropriations. For students' aid $1,500. For aged ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers $4,000.

J. S. McGAW, Secretary.

The Committee on the Classification of Congregations and Ministers was directed to report next year instead of this.

The name of P. J. McDonald was substituted on this Committee for E. A. Crooks.

Synod took recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by R. C. Wylie.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, 1:30 P. M. Synod convened and was led in prayer by W. J. Sanderson. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the morning session were read.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Secret Societies: S. J. Johnston, S. G. Conner, S. F. Kingston. J. B. Dodds, C. J. Lewis.

State of Religion: P. J. McDonald, H. G. Patterson, S. E. Greer, A. M. Shaw, Henry Hogg.

Young People's Societies: W. O. Ferguson, J. G. McElhinney. J. M. Johnston, J. W. Marshall, James Park.

Psalmody: S. Turner Foster, W. J. McBurney, John Yates, J. W. Moore, T. K. Tippin.

Sabbath Schools: J. C. French, W. G. Robb, E. L. McKnight, Evan Jones, Jesse Wilson.

Signs of the Times: D. C. Mathews, J. G. Reed, G. R. McBurney, John Taggart, Edmund Dunn.

Systematic Beneficence: J. Boggs Dodds, J. C. Slater, James McCune, D. D. Mearns, J. S. Arthur.

Devotional Exercises: R. J. Gault, R. W. Piper, John Coleman, J. W. Young, R. J. Cathcart.

Order of Business: A. A. Wylie, D. H. Elliott, D. B. Elsey, J. H. Curry, W. J. Smith

Unfinished Business: The Clerks of Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was read and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1 and 6 inclusive were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

1. What God owns.

To man all money and property is God's loan. "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." God saith, "The silver and the gold," "The cattle upon a thousand hills," "All souls are mine." King David said, "All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee." Well may we think our substance due when we owe ourselves." To Christians Paul says, "Ye are not your own for you are bought with a price" hence everything earthly must be held subject to the great owner's call. Livingston said, "I place no value on anything I possess except in its relation to Jesus Christ." Upon John Calvin's seal was engraved, "A burning heart in an open hand" and underneath these words, "I give Thee all, I keep back nothing for myself." Money has a place in the church which nothing else can fill. Money is simply a convenient equivalent, employed for securing the men and means to do the work the Lord requires his people. God's ownership and man's stewardship make the corner stone of the whole Bible system of beneficence and our Lord's self sacrifice is its great incentive. Christ's teachings touch riches and possessions from every point of view and show man's accountable stewardship. Christ commended tithe paying. saying, "These ought ye to have done," "I come not to destroy but to fulfill." Not to diminish nor repeal it but to increase the obligations to a larger liberality. He emphasizes stewardship for everything entrusted as shown in his parables of "The Talents," "The Pounds" and "The Householder." Money held like electricity in a storage battery has vast potentiality but is of use only when it is loosed, rightly expended and applied. It is a serious thing for a steward to be wrongly using or holding back his Lord's money with its boundless possibilities for good. In Christian hands money should not be sorted "Filthy Lucre" but the Lord's means for working righteousness.

2. What the patriarchs, Israelites and primitive Christians contributed.

Giving unto God as an obligation is as ancient as religion being coeval with Abel's accepted offering. Noah's first worship after the deluge was also connected with an accepted offering. The first recorded tithe paying to God with His approval was that of Abraham and of Jacob. Since divinely approved, tithe paying was a divinely accepted practice, ages preceding the Mosaic economy, therefore tithe paying is not a Jewish institution. Like the paying of the seventh of the time to the Lord so also the paying of a tenth of the income was a divine requirement for all time. Tithing was well known to Israel. Moses' first mention of it was "The

tithe is the Lord's," not shall be, but "is the Lord's" as it always has been. "It is wholly unto Him." Moses was merely reaffirming and emphasizing tithing as a divine law of perpetual obligation. Since the reasons for its original requirement have remained unchanged, and as it has never been repealed, therefore tithing remains as a divine obligation in full force and under the Christian dispensation. Some twenty years after the giving of the moral law, Moses directed that the original tithe be used for support of the Levites. God's requirement from the Israelites as to beneficence was high. Besides the original tithe, they were required to pay a second tithe, also a third tithe every two years, and were also to give free will offerings unto the Lord. Thus the annual contributing of each man unto the Lord would be one-fourth, or even a third of his income. Rich or poor were never to pay less than the tithe, which was the fixed minimum. Later on the additional tithes required from the Jews were to support their religious ritualistic observances, all of which ended with the Jewish economy. But that first original tithe stands unrepealed and is immutable. The additional tithes gave place to free will offerings under the Gospel dispensation. Tithe paying being the established usage amongst the Jews, therefore a reinactment of tithe law by Christ or his apostles for the New Testament church was unnecessary. The practice of paying a tithe unto the Lord was brought over into the Christian church with the apostolic approval. Both tithe paying and giving of offerings unto the Lord was made a part of worship under both dispensations. As Moses "came not to destroy but to fulfill," the heaven approved tithe paying of the patriarchs unto the Lord; so Christ "came not to destroy" that ancient usage of both the patriarchs and Israelites of paying tithes but "to fulfill" it by adding to the requirement of Christians in the giving of free will offerings. The Lord's stewards must not withhold the Lord's tithes. He regards that as robbery. At pentecost the Gospel religion was strikingly conjoined with active beneficence and had there its noblest exemplification. The Lord put to severe test the love, loyalty and liberality of the Jerusalem Christians who fed for months thousands of Christian strangers gathered there. This made heavy drafts upon their means but were cheerfully borne. They even "took joyfully the spoiling of their goods."

3. What Christians owe to God under Gospel dispensation.

From former Jewish usage and with manifest apostolic approval, the early Christians continued the paying of the tithe and of giving offerings unto the Lord after their coming into the new Christian church. The church fathers who bear testimony to the tithe paying of primitive Christians are Origin, Cyprian, Ambrose,

Irenaeus, Augustine, Chrysostum and Jerom. Also seven of the early church councils by decrees, urged upon all Christians the scriptural duty and obligation of paying a tithe unto the Lord. Speaking of tithing in the Christian church, Bingham in his Christian Antiquities says, "This is the unanimous judgment of the fathers. and the voice of the church uncontradicted for more than 1000 years, or until the usages of the church were alienated and perverted by the Papal Hierarchy during the dark ages." Calvin, Knox, Chalmers and the Wesleys all urged tithe paying In as much as the Lord approved of patriarchal tithe paying and made it a law for the Jewish church and when founding his Gospel church left the requirement of tithe paying unto the Lord unrepealed, therefore it still stands as His law. For Christians that should end all controversy. Every Christian is now under deep obligaiion to put tithe paying into practice. And this ought to be made a church requirement. The paying of a tithe unto the Lord is as much binding obligation resting upon Christians of today as it ever was to patriarchs and Israelites. No difficulties in its application or enforcement can set tithe paying aside or weaken Christian obligations to obey it. Such an attempt would be an impeachment of divine wisdom and rebellion against God's authority. In such an all important matter His church is not left without law. Some claim that the tithe law was repealed because Christ did not emphatically reinact it. If so then is the church left without any fixed law or measure as to giving and everyone is a law unto himself and may change, reduce or abolish giving whenever he pleases. Without God's law of the tithe as a requirement the church cannot say to her rich, covetous,stingy shrinkers, "you must give more to the Lord's cause." But if the church required the paying of the tithe, as God's reserved portion, she would only be fixing a minimum amount for Christian beneficence. Paying a tithe unto the Lord is not giving unto the Lord. For the giving of free will offerings only begins after the paying of the Lord's tithe. After that comes the giving unto the Lord of free will offerings in which Christians have widest latitude and Gospel opportunities. Paul in I Cor. 16:2, has given a rule to Christians for free will offerings unto the Lord. Into this rule Paul condensed all his teachings touching beneficence. His rule is short, clear, emphatic and of universal application. The rule is in accord with the ancient tithe requirement, being based upon a tithe as a fixed proportion. This gives to the gospel rule for giving, the force and dignity of a divine rule for Christians. As a law it cannot stand ir have force without the law of the tithe. By common consent the tithe was the age long established proportion

to begin with, therefore Paul specified no fixed proportion. But everyone was to give systematically every Lord's day a contribution in amount according as the Lord had given him ability. Paul was there appealing for a special offering above their tithes to exercise Christian giving for the training in sympathy, love and liberality. The apostle by this rule systematizes Christian giving of offerings and unites this to the law of tithe paying. This harmonizes the paying of the tithe and giving of offerings as a Gospel requirement. As a system its manifold advantages should commend it to Christians for universal adoption. With the tithe law conjoined no Christian when giving under this Pauline rule could be a law unto himself. This rule allowed of no hoarding of money or adding all income to capital, of investing all the income leaving little for the Lord. Paul's rule points all Christians to a larger liberty of all that the Lord calls for. He may providentially call at some crises for a fifth or a fourth or a half. When God thus calls give it freely. He is owner of all. You are his stewards. Try not to hold onto it lest He come and take back all. Cheerfully say "Lord here is thine own." Moses charged "Thou shalt not be grieved when thou givest." Christ said "Freely ye have received, freely give." Paul said "The Lord loveth a cheerful (or hilarious) giver, see that ye abound in this grace also."

Recommendations:

1. That the needs and progress of our missions now demands that every member of the church conscientiously pay a tithe of his income unto the Lord and also to give free will offerings according to his ability for the immediate use of the church in her growing mission fields.

2. That pastors shall preach occasional discourses to their congregations setting forth the sin and peril to Christians of withholding from the Lord his portion and the rich blessings which come both to the giver and to the Lord's cause from liberality.

3. That pastors and sessions be urged by liberal example and persuasion and Bible teaching, to strive to secure the universal adoption by their people, of the Lord's requirement as to systematic beneficence.

4. That officers of our congregations provide literature for general distribution on the subject of Christian Beneficence and we recommend through the use of such tracts as "Gold and the Gospel," by Thomas Kane, No. 310 Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.; "The Christian Giver," by Rev. W. T. Wylie, New York City; "God's Rule For Christian Giving," by Rev. Wm. Speer, Presbyterian Board Publication, Philadelphia, and a small book on Tithing and Giving called "Mary Christopher."

5. That Synod consider the propriety of having one or more lectures upon the subject of Systematic Beneficence in our Seminary course, for the better equipment of our future ministry for their work of bringing our congregations up to the Scriptural requirement as to liberality.

6. That Synod consider the propriety of having Presbyteries and Sessions enjoined from ordaining or installing anyone in the church who will not receive nor personally obey the Lord's requirement as to paying a tithe of his income unto the Lord nor be willing to give voluntary offerings as the Lord shall prosper him.

B. M. SHARP,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
E. L. McKNIGHT,
Of the Committee.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was read and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report, that in our judgment, many signs would indicate that we are on the eve of a general advance in Sabbath School work. Those who have kept in close touch with Sabbath School work in general during the past few years, know that there is a rising tide of enthusiasm for more efficient Sabbath School work and workers, slowly but surely, sweeping over the land. New plans are being worked out and more successful methods are being adopted.

The question naturally arises then, are the Sabbath Schools of our denomination keeping pace with the best approved methods and making advance in efficient, successful Sabbath School work? It is the conviction of your committee, that a large majority of our schools are not alive to the importance of this work and consequently are not rising to meet their grand opportunities for Christ the Master, in Sabbath School work. Many of our Sabbath Schools are content to jog along in the same old way, using the same efete methods, and consequently failing to gather in and hold and interest numbers of scholars who should be in the Sabbath School and in the Church. There is but one thing we need really fear in our Sabbath School work and that is stagnation. For years, Synod has been adopting most excellent resolutions, covering the different phases of Sabbath School improvement, such as "the graded system," "Competent Superintendent," "thoroughly qualified teachers," "sessional oversight," "the home department," "decision day," "evangelistic efforts," "teachers' training class," etc. And yet large numbers of our schools have not been in the least

effected or improved by the actions and suggestion of Synod. It is our belief that the key to more successful work in the Sabbath Schools is largely in the hands of our pastors and elders who attend the meeting of Synod. In too many instances we fear these actions and resolutions of Synod are patiently heard and then quietly forgotten. The connecting link between Synod's excellent resolutions and the Sabbath School at home is the pastor or elder. And it rests almost entirely with the pastor and elder as to whether or not Synod's suggestions and resolutions are to be of any practical value to our Sabbath Schools. Have we as pastors and elders placed a right value on the work of the Sabbath School, and given of our time and energies to it according to its importance? The true value of successful Sabbath School work can scarcely be estimated; certainly it can not be over estimated. One of our Ex-Presidents has said, "My observance has convinced me of the extraordinary value of the influences that grow out of Sabbath School teaching." Outside of the home, nothing contributes more to the building of good character and to living helpful and useful lives. The influence of the Sabbath School is one of the strongest and most constant guides and helps in the severe struggles which await everyone in the journey of life."

Certainly the work of the Sababth School should be a very vital part of the pastor's work. The relation of the pastor to the Sabbath School should be such that he be able to advise his School as to the very best approved Sabbath School methods and the best approved lesson helps, etc., especially should he see to it that no lesson helps are used which will in the leastwise poison the mind of the scholar as to the inspiration and genuineness of the Bible as God's revealed will to men. And here your Committee would sound a warning to the Sabbath Schools of our denomination against the use of the "Blakeslee Graded Lesson System" as containing teachings of "Destructive Criticism" and should have no place in our Sabbath School work.

Again thoroughly qualified teachers are all important in successful Sabath School work and the pastor should take an active part in training efficient teachers for his school. He should strive earnestly to encourage and inspire and create a sentiment for the best possible results in his Sababth School.

We have no resolutions to offer.

Respectfully, submitted,

Signed—

S. E. GREER,

W. J. McKNIGHT,

W. J. SANDERSON,

Of the Committee.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported The report was read and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 8 inclusive were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Your Committee would respectfully report:—

The report on Young People's Societies adopted at last Synod, charged your Committee with ascertaining the extent to which the recommendations of last year's Committee were carried out. Letters of inquiry were addressed to all our pastors. Replies were received from 52. Thirty-six of these reported that they had a Young Peoples' Society, sixteen that they had not. Last year's report recommended that our Young People's Societies do definite Evangelistic work, circulate Reform Literature, take up mission study, and use in four of their prayermeetings topics on our distinctive principles instead of the regular C. E. topics. The reports show that ten Societies have done Evangelistic work; that 20 have circulated Reform Literature; that 11 have conducted mission study classes; that 12 have taken up the topics on our distinctive principles. Of the Socities from which no report was received probably no larger percentage have carried out Synod's recommendations. It thus appears that about one-third of our Societies have carried out the recommendations of Synod.

Your Committee also made inquiry as to the spiritual condition of our Societies. The replies indicate it is good in a number of Societies, fair in as many, and poor in a few. In reply to the question whether the Societies were aggressive in Christian work. 13 affirmative and as many negative replies were received. Nearly all replies indicate that the Young People are loyal to the church.

Two congregations report Intermediate Societies and nine congregations Junior Societies. Two or three have Mission Bands. Last year's Synodical report shows that 56 of our 114 congregations had Young Peoples' Societies with a membership of 1899. There was a decrease of 4 societies within the year and a decrease in membership of 52. This year's statistical report shows an increase of 7 Societies, but no increase in the total membership.

From the above it appears about 45 per cent. of our congregations have no Young Peoples' Society of any kind; that of the 55 per cent. having Societies, a few of them are in first class condition. while the majority are not. On the whole the condition is not encouraging.

Your Committee is of the opinion that a far larger proportion

of our congregations should have Young Peoples' Societies. While the conditions are such as to make it well nigh impossible to maintain a Young Peoples' Society, in a few churches, yet in many having no society, with the right kind of leadership and encouragement, a Society could be maintained. It is also the conviction of your Committtee that many of our present Societies need reviving.

We do not believe that our present method of making reports to Synod on Young People's Societies without providing any definite plan for carrying out the recommendations of these reports, is sufficient. Notwithstanding the excellent report of last year's Committee, little if any progress has been made during the year. Two-thirds of the Societies have paid no attention to Synod's recommendations.

Two things are needed. First, definite plans for the Young People to follow in their development in the spiritual life and in Christian work. Second, a Secretary of Young People's Societies for the church, who by correspondence or traveling through the Church, or both, shall acquaint himself with conditions, keep in touch with the work, stand back of it and push it.

We recommend:—

1. That the Rev. R. A. Blair, who will be traveling through the Church in the interests of missions this coming year, be made the Secretary of Young People's Society of the Church; that in view of the extra work this will put upon him we ask our Young People's Societies to take an offering on the first Sabbath of April, to the amount of one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars to be forwarded to J. S. Tibby for Mr. Blair, in recognition of his services in this work.

2. That in view of the interest already developed in a Bible Reading movement, especially among the young people of our church, a committee consisting of Dr. T. H. Acheson, Rev. John Yates and W. R. Porter be appointed to prepare quarterly folders for the coming year, containing selections from the Bible for daily morning and evening reading; that the initial expense of printing these folders be paid out of the Literary Fund with the expectation that the sale of these folders will reimburse the treasury; that this committee formulate plans with a view of interesting all our young people in this movement and keeping up interest in the same.

3. That all our Societies be urged to definite evangelistic work.

4. That they take up the study of missions and that the Board of Foreign Missions be asked to recommend a book for study.

5. That they be urged to take up work in the interests of reform, especially the circulating of literature on our distinctive principles, on National Reform and Temperance, and in arranging for meetings in the interests of reform.

6. That the following topics be substituted for the regular C. E. Topics for the prayer meetings on the dates following:

(a) September 2nd Sabbath—John Knox.

(b) October 2nd Sabbath—Alexander Henderson.

(c) November 2nd Sabbath—Richard Cameron.

(d) December 2nd Sabbath—James Renwick.

In connection with the study of these topics, we urge that our Societies procure for their help and instruction, the books on our Scottish History, for sale by our Church Treasurer, J. S. Tibby.

7. That our societies be urged to give financial support to some line or lines of aggressive work in the Master's Kingdom.

8. That next year's Committee report on the extent to which these recommendations have been carried out.

Signed—
R. H. MARTIN,
S. McNAUGHER,
W. H. GEORGE,
J. W. WILSON,
Of the Committee.

Wm. McFarland was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

The following resolution, introduced by J. S. Martin, was adopted:

Resolved that all our congregations be urged to send delegates to the World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government in Philadelphia, November 16-20, 1910, and that every minister be urged to secure the appointment of delegates at public meetings held in the interests of National Reform in as many places in his neighborhood as possible.

The Committee on the Sabbath reported. The report was read, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Sabbath respectfully reports:

Your Committee has endeavored to set forth the duty, spirit and blessedness of true Sabbath-keeping.

The Sabbath a Memorial Day.

The Sabbath is the Lord's day, appointed to commemorate His

victory over death. It stands related to the empty tomb of Jesus as a memorial, bearing the inscription: "He is Risen." The remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus makes a bright Sabbath. They who miss the aim, or substitute the Seventh for the First day, lose the inspiration arising out of the nature and design of the Sabbath. The Sabbath will be a foretaste of heaven, only when we get a foretaste of immortality, by viewing the vacant grave with the eyes of faith. "Behold the place where they laid Him."—(Mark 16:6.)

The Day of Revelations.

We, in the Spirit, must see the glorious Conqueror, filling the day with the shining of His face, to have a good Sabbath. John saw Jesus, when in the Spirit on the Lord's day. What a view he had of the risen Lord, what a Sabbath! Heaven seemed to descend, and rugged Patmos vanish, at the presence of the Lord. He still comes to all who enter into the true spirit of Sabbath-keeping. Each Sabbath offers a new "manifestation" of His glory; the Sabbaths are never alike. A glimpse of the Lord's countenance, or the sound of His voice, recognized by faith, will turn the Sabbath into a day of joy. "The voice of my Beloved! behold He cometh, leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills." (Song 2:8.)

Preparation for the Sabbath.

The Sabbath, rich in blessing, and sure to bring the Lord, is worthy of our devout anticipation. The Israelites had their Preparation day. Our Covenanted fathers, also, prepared the evening before, that the Sabbath might dawn on them as a smile from heaven. We, too, should set aside work and care, that nothing trespass on the sacred day. Let the soul be ready for the new enduement; each Sabbath comes with blessings never yet received; with new unveilings of the Lord's glory and kingdom, for those who journey heavenward. The latest Sabbath must ever be the best to the growing soul. We should be prepared Saturday for Sabbath. "And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on."—(Luke 23:5.)

The Sabbath Morning.

The Sabbath morning exceeds all others in beauty and splendor, in the eyes of the enlightened. If there be a double awakening, the soul and the body stirring together, heaven's light will be added to the sunrise, and there will be a day of days, the light of seven days in one, to the eyes that can bear the brightness. The first thought that morning should be: The Sabbath has come, and the Lord is here. How solemn the moment! How baneful the stupor that spoils the inspiration! Sleep those hours away! Who would sleep on the mountain-top, when the sun is reddening

the eastern sky? "O Lord, in the morning shalt Thou hear my voice."—(Ps 5:3.)

The Family Day.

The Sabbath comes, and proclaims release from labor. Happy the families that appreciate their rights, and enter into this rest. How the springs of life are sweetened, the sacred ties strengthened, the holy sympathies awakened, as the members of the family have a day together, in conversation, reading, catechising, and divine worship! How confidence, kindliness, and happiness, blossom and grow in parents and children, as they go up together to the house of God, sit together in the family pew, and mingle their voices together in the praises of the Lord! How precious this gift of God to the family! How strictly all unnecessary work and worldly talk should be suppressed; how zealously should be excluded from the home, all papers issued that holy day. "It is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."—(Lev. 23:3.)

The Day of Beautitudes.

The Sabbath is the mountain day between the weeks. Here Jesus is found, teaching and pronouncing blessings. They, who will, may have this "high day" with Jesus, and enjoy His fellowship —the very essence of happiness. How rich and numerous the blessings that come to such! This mountain is strewn with precious gifts: comfort for the sad; pardon for the guilty; bread for the hungry; rest for the weary; riches for the poor; visions for the pure; society for the lonely; crowns for the humble; heaven for the persecuted; the Holy Spirit for all. What happy experiences the Sabbath brings to those who worship in the Spirit! What views of life, of destiny, of eternity! What stirrings of the soul, what incoming power, what feelings of holy awe, what consciousness of kinship with God! How the horizon bounds back, and life grows large! How near heaven seems to be! How real the Throne, the Lamb, the angels, and the redeemed! Blessing upon blessing for the Sabbath-keeper. "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath."—(Is. 56: 2.)

A World-Wide Sabbath.

The Sabbath was made for all men. The universal necessity makes a universal day. The memorial of Christ's resurrection must bless all lands. The hindrances shall disappear at the presence of the Conqueror, Who comes to bless the world with peace. For this the church is praying and working. Success is streaking the sky

with morning light. The missions are illuminating the dark continents; the nations are learning the value of the Sabbath; great corporations are recognizing the benefit of the weekly rest. Our weary world, we trust, will soon lift up her weary head, wipe the sweat from off her brow, and enter into the promised rest. "And it shall come to pass, that from one Sabbath day to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."—(Is. 66:23.)

All under the care of Synod are exhorted to keep the Sabbath with diligence, in the Holy Spirit, in honor of Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord.

J. C. McFEETERS,
JOHN COLEMAN,
R. W. PIPER,
J. E. DODDS,
S. M. STEELE,
Committee.

The Committee on Nominations presented its final report. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Committee on Action of Iowa Presbytery Affecting R. J. G. McKnight: D. B. Wilson, D. H. Coulter, Evan Jones.

Committee on National Reform Memorials: G. A. Edgar, F. M. Foster, P. J. McDonald, J. E. Wilson, Wm. Esler.

Committee on Individual Communion Service: R. M. Sommerville, W. W. Carithers, Julius Kempf, R. J. Cathcart, J. B. Dodds.

Committee on Death of J. W. Sproull: W. P. Johnston, John Yates, Wm. Pearce.

Committee on Tenure of Office of Members of Boards and Permanent Committees: C. D. Trumbull, Thomas McFall, J. B. Gilmore, Jesse Wilson, Benjamin Ferguson.

Delegates to World's Conference: D. B. Wilson, H. H. George, R. M. Sommerville, M. W. Leslie, Henry O'Neil, J. M. Wylie.

Committee on Classification of Congregations and Ministers: P. J. McDonald, Thomas McFall, G. A. Edgar, F. M. Wilson, R. Hargrave, A. Kilpatrick, R. C. Montgomery, J. B. Gilmore, F. M. Foster, D. C. Mathews.

Committee to Hear Complaint of J. F. Crozier: D. C. Mathews, J. T. Mitchell, James McCune, J P. Baird, J. B. Dodds.

Committee on Coldenhan Monument to J. R. Willson: Thomas Patterson, J. R. Thompson, Elder Ross, of Newburg.

Committee on Questions Relating to the Marriage of a Believer With an Unbeliever—To Report at Next Meeting of Synod: D. H. Coulter, A. A. Samson, D. H. Elliott, R. J. Cathcart, W. F. Young.

The Special Committee on Tenure of Office of Members of

Boards and Permanent Committees reported. The report was read, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TENURE OF OFFICE OF BOARDS AND PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the terms of all members of Boards and Permanent Committees, which are not now limited by the terms by which they were constituted, be limited to three years, it being understood that they may be elected at the expiration of their terms.

2. That the Clerk of each Board or Committee, be instructed to make a list of all active members of the same in the order of their appointment, and, beginning with the head of the list, and taking the names in regular order to make as nearly as possible three equal divisions. Furthermore, that one year from this time it shall be reported to the Synod that the time of the persons named in the first division has expired, and that their places should be filled; and that a like report be made of the other divisions in regular order each successive year.

3. That in the case of Committees or Boards where the appointment was simultaneous, the division and order of time of expiration of office be left to themselves.

Respectfully, submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
THOMAS McFALL,
J. B. GILMORE,
B. M. FERGUSON,
J. W. WILSON,
Committee.

The following resolutions, introduced by T. P. Stevenson, were adopted:

Resolved that we recommend all pastors and churches to observe the second Sabbath of September as a day for special prayer for our public schools that they may be defended successfully against the invasion of secularism and irreligion and may be suitable training schools for the children of a Christian people.

Resolved that we recommend that the second Sabbath in February be observed in like manner as a day for prayer for Colleges and students, and especially for our own college, to the end that these institutions may be preserved from the insidious encroachments of unbelief, and through the outpouring of the Spirit of God may be fountains of spiritual life in the whole field of higher education.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was amended by the addition of $200 a year to the remuneration recommended by the Committee for the lecturers.

Items 4 and 8 inclusive were adopted.

J. M. Coleman and W. J. McKnight spoke briefly of the work in which they were engaged during the year.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONY BEARING.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing would respectfully report that the work under their charge has been carried on as usual during the past year.

The advertising of our literature, which has been done much more extensively than in former years, has brought a constant demand, and shows that there are people in all churches and in all neighborhoods that are thinking along the lines of our testimony. The smaller and more radical denominations are of course the ones most interested, but advertisements in the papers of larger bodies are not unproductive of results. The demand has been such that we have run quite a large bill for printing this year. A new tract entitled "Free Masonry as a Religion" has been published.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight has nearly finished his third year in the work as a lecturer in this field. During the past year he has spoken 186 times, and his lectures are usually of such length and weight that one wonders that he holds his audiences night after night. Of these lectures 66 were given in our churches and 120 in others. His expenses were $619.70 and he raised $277. The smallness of the collections is accounted for by the fact that he was so much of the time outside our church.

The particular development of his work has been the readiness of the Church of the Brethren, to hear our testimony and generally with approval. On three of our distinctive principles, Separation from an Unchristian Constitution, Secret Societies and Purity of Worship, they are inclined to agree with us, and on the question of Psalmody they are open to persuasion. There are of course other matters on which we differ widely. It is an item of peculiar interest that their annual meeting follows ours on this ground.

The Rev. J. M. Coleman, who has made a special study of the philosophy of the principles of the Church, was secured this last winter to give lectures on this subject in colleges and other institutions of learning, and has been markedly successful in the work. These lectures, of which there are four in the course, were given

in ten colleges and two seminaries. In three of the colleges there were Seminary courses. In several cases he had forty to fifty men in his audience who are preaching or will be preaching in a year or two. The faculty in every place gave full sympathy to the lecturer and generally attended the lectures. In one-third of the places the whole body of students attended, in the others the upper classes.

This is the method to reach those who are to make public opinion. College audiences were found more responsive than any other. There does not seem to be much limit to the field, as all the openings were found that could be used.

The Committee ventures to raise with the Synod the question as to the best name of the work in which we are engaged. It has been called "Testimony Bearing," which is a good name, but not so convenient and not so much in harmony with Scripture as Witness Bearing. This last is the name chosen by the Irish Synod for this work.

The balance in hand May 1st, was $1,286.56. The contributions for the year have been $2,681.30.

We recommend:—

1. That the name of this department of the Church's work be changed from Testimony to Witness Bearing.

2. That W. J. McKnight be chosen lecturer and J. M. Coleman to lecture in Colleges and Seminaries.

3. That the remuneration given to each be fifteen hundred dollars a year and expenses.

4. That five thousand dollars be appropriated to carry on the work this year.

5. That we approve of the plan of creating a demand for our literature by advertising.

6. That our pastors be encouraged to lecture on our distinctive principles wherever opportunity is afforded and that our elders be encouraged to provide the opportunity.

7. That pastors' classes in the study of our principles be formed so that our members may be well grounded in the faith and trained in presenting it to others.

8. That the blessing of God be sought by fervent supplication for all who are making an effort to bear witness for the truth.

W. J. COLEMAN,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
J. S. THOMPSON,
J. H. McBURNEY,
B. M. SHARP,
E. L. McKNIGHT,
Committee

W. J. McKnight was appointed fraternal delegate to the Assembly of the Church of the Brethren soon to meet in this place, to convey to them the greetings of this Synod, and the proper officer of the Court was directed to furnish him the proper credentials.

It was directed that Thursday evening of next Synod be devoted to the Witness Bearing work of the church, and the Witness Bearing Committee was directed to prepare a program for the meeting.

B. M. Sharp and E. L. McKnight resigned from the Witness Bearing Committee on account of their inability to longer attend the meetings of the Committee, and R. J. G. McKnight and J. C. Slater were appointed to fill the vacancies thus created.

It was directed that Monday evening of next Synod be devoted to a conference on National Reform, and the Covenanter members of the Ex. Com. of the National Reform Association were instructed to prepare a program for the evening.

T. P. Stevenson spoke briefly representing the Western Section of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 2. The Committee on New Edition of the Psalter reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was amended by the continuation of the present Committee, and was adopted.

Item 4 providing for a Committee of Final Review, was stricken out.

Items 5 and 9 inclusive were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW EDITION OF PSALTER.

The Committee on the selection of Psalms would respectfully report that but few of this Committee were able to give constant attendance on our meetings and that others were present as they were able to come. Your Committee invited the Committee of the

Associate Presbyterian church to meet with us, as they are appointed for the same work that we are engaged in. They were present part of the time and were of great assistance.

Your Committee has made a constant study, and for some weeks an almost constant effort to perform to the best of their ability the work committeed to their charge. The task was laborious, but absorbing, and we regretted only that we could not bring better ability to the work.

Our work was mainly that of selection and beside the old version we had the version authorized in our church in 1889, the old U. P. version of 1870 and the joint revision of 1905. Some use was also made of the Irish Presbyterian revision. The prose that we followed was the American Revised Version.

The fifty additional meters were carefully reviewed to bring them into the closest possible conformity with the text. The meters other than common in the old version were gone over with all the helps we could secure. Then we reviewed the common meter up to the close of the 73d Psalm. All these have been printed in galley form and sent out to the ministers of the church that they may inspect and be ready to pass upon the work of the Committee. For the business part of this work we are indebted to Mr. Tibby, who is a member of the Committee.

We have sought mainly two things in our work: Faithfulness to the text and smoothness of rendering. We believe it to be, as far as we have gone, "more plain, smooth and agreeable to the text than any heretofore." It is the gathered fruit of years of work by various committees.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the work of the Committee be, in general, approved as far as it has gone.

2. That permission be given to remove the minor imperfections that have been discovered since the work was printed.

3. That the present committee be continued to complete the work according to the method which has so far been followed.

4. That the Committee on Selection of Music be authorized to proceed with the publishing of the book of Psalms, the old Keys book being the general model to be followed.

5. That the action of the Committee in printing the Psalms so far as completed and in sending them out for inspection be approved and that the expense be paid out of the Literary Fund.

6. That the actual expenses of the members of the Committee in meeting to carry on this work be paid out of the Literary Fund.

7. That the expense of publishing the Book of Psalms with music be paid out of the Literary Fund, the Treasurer being author-

ized to enter into equitable arrangements with the Associate Presbyterians in case they decide to join in this publication.

8. That the prayers of the Church be requested for this Committee that its members be guided to wise and faithful decisions in all their work.

W. J. COLEMAN,
A. A. WYLIE,
J. S. THOMPSON,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
ROBT. A. M. STEELE,
T. S. TRUMBULL,
T. H. ACHESON,
W. J. McKNIGHT,
Committee.

F. M. Wilson resigned from the Committee, his present location rendering it impossible for him to longer attend the meetings of the Committee.

Item 3, Unfinished Business was taken up. The Committee on Music for the New Psalter reported. The report was read, and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 4 inclusive were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF TUNES FOR PSALTER.

The Committee on the selection of tunes for the Psalter presents the following report:

At the meeting of Synod a year ago we reported that selections had been made for the entire old version, and that the only part of our work not then completed was the selection of tunes for the new versions which had not at that time been placed in our hands.

Your Committee met in the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church the last week of December, all the members being present except Edwin L. Dodds. All the work previously done was carefully gone over, and a few changes made. Tunes were also selected for the new versions in so far as the Psalmody Committee had completed this part of its work. There were still a few of these versions not furnished us and for which tunes have not been selected.

It has been the constant aim of your Committee to select only such tunes as can be used by our congregations, and such as will stand the test of constant use for years.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the committee be continued for the purpose of completing its work.

2. That S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., be appointed to supervise the preparation of the musical plates of the Psalter and that he be authorized to employ competent assistance in editing the music, the expense to be paid from the Literary Fund.

3. That the expense of R. A. M. Steele in attending the meeting of the committee in May, 1909, in Chicago, amounting to $18.72 be paid out of the Literary Fund.

4. That all our congregations, when the Psalter is published, be urged to secure some competent instructor to train them in congregational singing.

Respectfully, submitted,
R. C. WYLIE,
W. J. COLEMAN,
S. A. S. METHENY,
R. A. M. STEELE,
Of the Committee.

W. J. Coleman and S. A. S. Metheney were appointed to receive suggestions of corrections to or changes in the work of the Committees, as this has appeared or may yet appear in preliminary form, the former as to the words, the latter as to the music.

The Committee was instructed by the Synod to retain the 11s version of the 23rd Psalm, as found in the edition of 1889, in the new Psalter.

Item 6, Unfinished Business was taken up. The Committee reported.

The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATECHISM AND MANUAL OF DOCTRINE.

Your Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine would respectfully report progress in the work and ask to be continued for another year.

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Chairman.

Item 19, Unfinished Business, was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following items of unfinished business require the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms. Page 8—W. J. Coleman.

Item 2. Committee on New Edition of Psalter. Page 10 Items 3 and 4—W. J. Coleman.

Item 3. Committee to select suitable music for new edition of Psalter. Page 11—R. C. Wylie.

Item 4. Treasurer to print new statistical blanks. Page 12. Item 18—J. S. Tibby.

Item 5. Board of Foreign Missions to suggest text book for mission study for coming year. Page 41, Item 4—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 6. Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine. Page 53—G. A. Edgar.

Item 7. Railroad Committee and Financial Agents of Presbyteries to ascertain cheapest rates to Synod. Page 55—J. S. Martin.

Item 8. Board of Foreign Missions to prepare program for Mission Conference. Page 58, Item 6—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 9. Board of Foreign Missions to appoint alternates to attend the World's Missionary Conference to be held in Edinburg, Scotland, June, 1910. Page 58, Item 5—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 10. Central Board to establish Mission among the Southern Mountaineers if sufficient funds are provided. Page 67, Item 5—J. S. Thompson.

Item 11. Bureau of Information. Page 67, Item 1, supplementary report—T. M. Slater.

Item 12. Delegates to attend the Ninth Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Page 73, Item 1—R. M. Sommerville and T. P. Stevenson.

Item 13. Clerk of Synod to send names of delegates to attend Council of Alliance of Reformed Churches. Page 73, Item 1—J. S. Thompson.

Item 14. Treasurer to issue new edition of Psalm selections. Page 74, Item 2—J. S. Tibby.

Item 15. Clerk of Synod to print 1000 copies of minutes of Synod of 1909. Page 75, Item 3—J. S. Thompson.

Item 16. Sale of Minutes of 1909. Page 75, Item 3—J. S. Tibby.

Item 17. Treasurer to pay apportionment to Presbyterian Alliance for 1909. Page 75, Item 8—J. S. Tibby.

Item 18. 2000 copies reports of Board of Corporators and

Board of Trustees of Geneva College to be printed for distribution in congregations. Page 110, Item 2— J. S. Tibby.

Item 19. Establishment of a new Department of Civil Government in Theological Seminary. Page 109, Item 3. Laid on table till next meeting of Synod.

Item 20. Item 2 of report of Committee of Discipline laid on table until next meeting of Synod and make special order of the day for Saturday morning. Pages 115, 116.

Item 22. Kansas Presbytery to ordain J. D. Edgar when Foreign Mission Board recommends it. Page 116, Item 4—Clerk Kansas Presbytery.

Item 23. Letters of sympathy to be written:

W. W. Carithers to S. R. Wallace.
R. C. Wylie to W. M. George.
T. P. Stevenson to R. J. George.
G. M. Robb to D. B. Wilson—Page 127.

Item 24. Delegate to Inter-Church Temperance Conference. Page 128—T. H. Acheson.

Item 25. Testimony Bearing Committee to prepare program for Conference on Thursday evening of Synod. Page 128—W. J. Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. THOMPSON,
C. McLEOD SMITH.

The Committee on Signs of the Times reported. The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times presents the following report:

The careful student of the Word of God and of the events of Divine providence can have no difficulty in discerning in some measure the signs of the times.

The Scriptures make it clear that there is to be a protracted and determined conflict between the forces of good and evil for the control of this world with all its varied interests. The world's history is the history of this conflict and of the progress made in the subjugation of the forces of evil by the forces of righteousness

To read the signs of the times however, with such precision as to determine the exact degree of progress made and the length of time necessary to bring the conflict to a triumphant close is not possible for even the wisest among us.

Causes of Thanksgiving.

Some of the signs of promise are the following:

1. Increased interest in the work of Evangelism. During the past year an unusual degree of zeal has been shown among our own people in this department of Christian work, and in some instances with encouraging results. The activity of other denominations has perceptibly increased and is characterized by a greater degree of harmony with the Bible standard than in former years. The evangelical tone of the preaching in connection with such efforts is highly commendable. Not any new theology, but the old and true Evangel, is the message that wins souls to Christ.

2. A new awakening with respect to missionary work at home and abroad. The Laymen's Missionary Movement is deserving of special mention. It is an indication of the presence of the Holy Spirit with power, and gives promise that in the near future there will be not only laborers sufficient to reach the entire world, but also money enough poured into missionary treasuries to finance such a magnificent enterprise. The readiness of multitudes of heathen people to forsake their religions and to embrace Christianity is a fact full of encouragement. Even the wrath of the devotees of false religions manifested in violent opposition to Christianity is a token of promise and gives evidence of the collapse of such religions.

3. Progress of the cause of Christian Civil Government. Many of the Missionary addresses of the past year contain explicit declarations in favor of Christianizing nations and governments as well as individuals. Never has there been such an opening for the presentation of National Reform principles; never was such a willingness to hear arguments in support of the Christian amendment. The great question that now confronts us is, not where to find openings for the presentation of the claims of Christ upon the nation, but where to find the men and the means to enable us to enter the openings presented on every hand. The development of temperance sentiment, expressing itself in legislation prohibiting the liquor traffic, furnishes further evidence of the progress of the cause of Christian civil government in its conflict with the secular view.

For these and other reasons Synod appoints the last Thursday of November, 1910, as a day of Thanksgiving. On that day let all the people of the church in their homes and in public congregations, give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ for all the benefits we have experienced.

Causes for Fasting.

While there are many gleams of light indicative of the ap-

proach of day, the night is still upon us. The signs are not all favorable. Among the adverse indications we note the following:

1. Increased activity among the heretical forms of religion. In the anti-Christian world certain religious leaders are apparently fearful that their systems of faith are approaching disintegration, and in imitation of the zeal and activity of Christian missionaries have inaugurated movements for the extension of their popular forms of belief. In nominally Christian lands there is an increase in the number of corrupt forms of Christianity, in some measure, doubtless, growing out of the modern loose views of the inspiration, the infallibility, and authority of the Scriptures. Some of these systems are nothing else than infidelity wearing the name and garb of religion.

2. The continued prevalence of the secular theory of civil government. While a vast amount of work has been done for the Christianizing of the constitution, and while multitudes of individuals have accepted the Christian principles of civil government, but little progress has been made recently in the reformation of statute law except in the matter of temperance; while in the recent past no constitutions of government have been changed for the better. A constant struggle is required to prevent the repeal of such laws as contain certain Christian principles and to maintain Christian usages. The opposition of some among the Jews and others to every Christian feature of our government, and notably to the use of the Bible in the public schools, should be met by a united Christian people. There are indications that the final struggle between the Christian and the secular forces for the control of this nation is not far in the future. Since this struggle is inevitable we should both welcome it and be fully prepared to meet it, for we know that the final outcome will be victory for the cause of truth and righteousness.

3. Divisions in the church. Sectarian divisions have not been perceptibly diminished, although for years discussions on Church union have abounded in the columns of religious journals and negotiations for union between certain denominations are constantly in progress. Even when such negotiations seem to be successful there is usually a remnant in one or both the uniting bodies which refuses to enter into the union, resulting in the increase rather than in the diminution of the number of denominations. Perhaps the slow progress made in this direction is because union has not been sought on the basis of truth and Scriptural order. Lack of harmony within denominations is productive of even more damage than sectarian divisions. It is a cause for profound sorrow and deep humiliation that within our borders there is lack of unity.

For these and other reasons Synod appoints Thursday of the Week of Prayer, January 5th, 1911, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.. On that day let all the people of the Church in their homes and in public congregations make confession unto God and seek forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE,
JOHN YATES,
J. M. FOSTER,
T. G. EDGAR,
W. B. KEYS,

Committee.

The Committee on State of Religion reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

About two months ago your Committee on State of Religion mailed to the pastor of each congregation, a printed slip containing a series of questions relating to the congregation's numerical increase or decrease, the attendance upon all the ordinances, financial support, and manifest interest in them. What amount of personal work is being done by the members of the congregation and if any evangelistic services were held during the year. Have you a Sabbath School? Is is well attended? What proportion are mission scholars? Also have you a training class for teachers and personal workers? Do you employ a missionary? Do you have a prayer meeting? Is it well attended by both young and old? What proportion pray in public? How about family worship or religion in the home?

About 75 per cent. of those to whom letters were mailed made reply. With 25 per cent. failing to reply, a full report is impossible.

In presenting our report we wish to deal first of all, with that which we deem encouraging.

Among the members of our congregations the custom of observing family worship is pretty generally observed. The oldest institution in the world is the home. Keep the home right by introducing Christ into it, for as the home is morally and spiritually, so will be the church, likewise the nation. But since the organization of the Sabbath School, let not parents entertain the thought that they are released from their God given task of training their children in the home. The Sabbath School was never intended as a substitute, but to assist or reinforce the work done by parents in the home. That more and better religious instruction be given in

the home calls loudly for emphasis. Without it the church is bound to suffer.

About the last thing one consecrates to the Lord is his pocket-book. The fact that we as a denomination rank among the foremost in our contributions towards the Lord's work indicates considerable progress in the Christian life. If all our members would do as a good many have done, quit robbing God, the question of raising money to support our churches and missions would be finally solved.

The Sabbath School which has been defined by some one as "The Church at work," is, in a large majority of our congregations well attended. Almost all the children, together with their parents and others, are found in the Sabbath School. In just a few of our congregations a large number of mission scholars are enrolled, while in many, almost none. Since it is mainly through the Sabbath School that children from the world find their way into the church, we believe that a greater and more earnest effort ought to be made toward bringing the children into the Sabbath School. This we would recommend not only for the church's sake but for the children whose parents are ignorant of the Gospel and positively indifferent to the spiritual needs of their children, who live in districts from whose schools the Bible has been excluded. Their unfortunate condition should lead us to do more for them than we are doing.

As a church we have broken our record in the number of evangelistic services held during the year. Almost twenty per cent. of our congregations have held such services. In the judgment of your Committee, there is no better way of reviving a congregation. In such meetings some have risen and for the first time publicly declared what God had done for their souls. While many date their history as personal workers to some revival season. But we have a duty to the unsaved as well as to ourselves and a series of evangelistic services afford a congregation a splendid opportunity to perform that duty. It cannot be said of a congregation that she is performing her full duty to the world so long as she is neglecting the unsaved.

Turning now to the discouraging features of our work as a church. If the prayer meeting as some one has said, is a true index of the spiritual life of the church, then we are considerably below par. Some of our congregations have none, most of them have one, and a few have more than one. The prayer meeting is our people's service. Everyone is supposed to and should take some part in it. If it is not interesting it is largely the people's fault and if it dies the people are largely responsible for its death.

The reports, moreover, show that as a church, we are wanting in the matter of training our members for teaching and doing personal work. We must be more aggressive along this line as well as along some other lines if we expect to grow. The false conception that the minister should do all the religious work that is to be done in the congregation must go. It has no foundation in Scripture. Not "The Spirit and the Ministry, but the Spirit and all Christians which constitute the Bride, should say come."

Every congregation ought to have a training class for teachers and personal workers. Every city congregation ought to have a missionary, and if the congregation is not able to employ one, then the church ought to raise the necessary means. As a church we ought to employ at least two evangelists who would devote all of their time to evangelistic work.

Respectfully submitted,
D. O. JACK,
D. C. MATHEWS,
Of the Committee.

The report of T. M. Slater, in charge of the Bureau of Information, was ordered printed in the Minutes of Synod. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF T. M. SLATER—BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

To the Moderator and Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, 1910.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

The undersigned was appointed by last Synod "to have charge of a Bureau of Information concerning members of our church who move from their home congregations to localities where there are none, especially in the west." (Minutes, page 67.) I have accordingly sent to all our pastors, and to congregations without pastors, the following list of queries:

1. Give name and addresses of all members living outside of the bounds of a Covenanter congregation.
2. Do they worship with you occasionally, or attend the the Sacrament?
3. Are you able to give them any direct pastoral care whatever?
4. How far are they from our nearest congregation?
5. How long have they been so situated?
6. Do you contribute any financial aid to the church?
7. Are they able to have a praying society among themselves?
8. Is it their present purpose to continue where they are?
9. What is the chief reason for their being so situated?

10. Are they worshiping or doing Christian work in other churches?

11. Do they manifest a true attachment to their principles?

12. Have they any hope of establishing a congregation where they are?

13. Are they single, or in families? Any children of church age?

14. Have you a prospect of others scattering in the same way?

15. What policy should the church adopt to prevent loss in this way?

Out of the 114 congregations to whom these queries were sent I received reports from 57. Of this number only 17 reported that all of their members were within the bounds of their own congregation. The total number of members belonging to the other 40 congregations who are living outside the bounds of their own church is 164. These figures include 18 from one congregation who will soon be connected with a new congregation in Detroit, Mich., and 7 from another congregation who will be in the membership of a new congregation to be organized in Regina, Saskatchewan. Leaving these 25 members out of the count, the 40 congregations under discussion have still a record of 139 members living outside the bounds of the Covenanter church.

The answers received are not equally explicit, but they indicate that these members are scattered over the country at from ten to one thousand miles from our present congregations. The reasons assigned for this dispersion are various. In some cases it is search of health, in others it results from marriage with non-Covenanters, but the predominant reason is some financial consideration. In some cases there is a purpose to return in the future to the bounds of the church. In only 11 instances do pastors say that they are able to give those members any direct pastoral care, and in some cases only by letter. Two congregations report absent members whose address they have lost. Attendance upon Communion is in some cases reported, but with the majority this is impossible. Those in this situation are for the most part single, but in six cases, families with growing children are living without church privileges. In no case, except those soon to be organized into congregations, are they reported as holding society meetings.

In answer to the queries, "Are they worshipping or doing Christian work in other churches;" and, "Do they manifest a true attachment to their principles?" the replies for the most part indicate but slight acquaintance on the part of the pastors with the spiritual condition of these members. Some, however, appear to have a better knowledge of these things and the opinion is for the

most part favorable. One pastor says of his absent members, "Only their attachment to their principles could keep them in the membership of the Covenanter church under the circumstances." Another says of his, "Just about as much as the average member who lives beyond the immediate influence of a Covenanter congregation." That these conditions tend to weaken attachment to the church is evidenced by the fact that less than 80 of the number now considered, pay anything in a financial way toward the support of the home church. Fortunately, few pastors report any immediate prospect of further loss through migration, but some disposition towards this is reported from a few congregations.

The request for suggestions as to how the church may prevent loss in this way, has not met with a uniform response. One pastor replies, "The problem is a hard one; I have not yet found a solution for it." One of our oldest ministers answers, "I cannot venture a reply as I have no opinion in the matter." The majority of our correspondents have had nothing to say about it. That this is a question about which we should all be concerned needs no argument, and some recognize its importance. A faithful pastor writes, "I try to impress on my people the importance of seeking locations in the bounds of our own church, if they mean to go away." Another says, "Impress upon the minds of the people the value of the Covenanter church. That worldly gains are not to be put in competition with the interests of our beloved Zion. That the church does more for them than they can do for her. That to live in the bounds of the church and be loyal to her is the most direct road to the Master's heart. And that no financial sacrifice is too great for the preservation of the life of the Covenanter church."

We all recognize the value of these means to prevent our people from leaving the ordinances, but what shall we do about those who have already strayed? One pastor suggests, "In cases where there are a number of members in one community, the church should be more prompt than in the past in organizing a congregation. In case of scattered members located as are many of our people, it seems to me one of the most important needs is increased pastoral care, and the following up of such members with interesting news of the work of the home congregation, and of the church as a whole." And as a practical aid to get our people to settle in a Covenanter community, another pastor gives this idea: "I think we should have some such plan as is employed by the Princeton University Alumni Association of this country. That is an employment bureau where Princeton men wishing work let that Bureau know what they want. Then those men who know of positions,

or can give or secure positions, also keep the Bureau informed Such a plan would locate Covenanters within the bounds of Covenanter congregations. Personally, I am often in a position to place men in various fields of work." Another raises the question, "Might it not be wise to keep them in touch with the church and her principles through the Testimony Bearing Committee?" In line with the same suggestion another minister takes the ground that our lecturer in the work of Testimony Bearing should also be appointed to "the office of Home Missionary, whose work it shall be to look after these scattered ones, do missionary work in different places, with the object of ultimately establishing congregations. That would be real Testimony Bearing. In addition, let Synod enlarge the appropriation for this fund, so that an active force of missionaries can be put in the field."

From all the views expressed about this work it is evident:

1. That the church should teach her members more faithfully the mission for which we stand as a denomination, and the binding obligation of our Covenant vows to support that cause.

2. That pastors and Sessions need to be impressed with their responsibility for the spiritual oversight of all absent members, and to keep alive, so far as possible, their interest in and service for the church.

3. That Synod should adopt an aggressive Home Mission policy, whereby those living outside the bounds of our congregations shall be inspired to become missionaries for our cause, and under the blessing of Christ, the founders of new congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. SLATER.

T. M. Slater was continued in charge of the Bureau of Information.

The following resolution, introduced by T. P. Stevenson, was adopted, the speakers being named by the Committee on Nominations:

Resolved that a conference be held during the sessions of Synod next year for the consideration of our Church Covenant, with addresses on the following topics:

General Subject: Our Obligation to the Work of Christ Because of Our Covenant.

1. As to the Reformation of our own nation. T. P. Stevenson.

2. As to the Evangelization of the world. R. M. Sommerville.

3. As to the maintainance of Christian Friendship and Brotherly love. J. C. McFeeters.

4. As to the Blessings which are Secured to us if we Continue Faithful. F. M. Foster.

The following resolutions, introduced by C. McLeod Smith, were adopted:

Resolved, first, that this Synod expresses its hearty thanks for the many kindnesses received from the Winona Management, and especially for the free use of Westminster Chapel.

Resolved, second, that we acknowledge our indebtedness to the management of the Winona Review for their kindness in furnishing us at cost with full and accurate reports of Synod's proceedings.

Resolved, third, that Rev. J. S. Martin, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, receive the thanks of the Synod for his efficient service in providing for the comfort of delegates, and forwarding the work of Synod.

Resolved, fourth, that the Clerk of Synod be instructed to convey these resolutions to the parties concerned.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the reporters of Synod for furnishing the Winona Review with such full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the Synod.

A hearty vote of thanks was also tendered the Moderator and the Clerks for the fidelity with which they discharged the duties imposed upon them, and for their courteous and brotherly treatment of all the members of Synod.

The time for the next meeting of Synod was fixed for Tuesday evening, May 30, 1911, at 8 o'clock.

The time for the meeting of the Home Mission Conference was fixed for Monday evening, May 29, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Clerk announced that the docket of Synod was cleared.

The Minutes of the afternoon Session were read and corrected.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa., May 30, 1911, at 8 P. M. J. M. Faris led in prayer, adjourning Synod. The 133 Psalm was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

JAMES S. STEWART, Moderator.

JOHN S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th 1910

COLORADO

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave	6	8	13	4	131	3 a	200	75	100	50	200	65	78	32	52	540	104	39	19	39	1122	1345	3778
Canon City Mis. Station		D. H. Brown, Canon City, Colo											25						10					60	95
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E, 28th St	3	2	7	7	41		45	12	27	16	49	3	6	4	3	2	8	9			634	616	1374
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	720 E. Third St	2	1	11	2	56	2	60	20	32	43	14	12	6	6	8	757	4	4	4		457	191	1538
Greeley	J. M. Wylie	1909 Tenth Ave	3	3	8	7	74	2 b	70	35	219	281	26	39	22	21	5	66	130	16	4	6	1060	473	2368
Denver	John C. French	293 South Clarkson	4	5	19	9	77	5 c	80	25	93	173			13				20				1000	1220	2510
Evans	L. A. Blackwood	Evans Colo	3	4	8	2	77	2	70	20	101	173	21	9	11	7	6	4	11	7	6	7	1000	410	1772
Content (d)		Clark Campbell, Content, Alberta	3	3	19		19	2	40														120	45	165
La Junta	E. A. Crooks	810 Colorado Ave	3	2	5	3	65		70	20	126	109		15	5								963	631	1849
	J. M. Armour	Seattle, Wash																							
	Herbert McMillian	Greeley Colo																							
Oakland	W. C. Allen, S. S.		23	2			39		15	15													150	50	200
No. of Congregations 8	No. of Ministers 10	Totals,	30	37	90	34	586	16	650	227	698	845	335	143	141	70	74	1369	287	75	33	45	6506	5011	15662

(a) 1 Adult. (b) 1 adult. (c) 1 adult. (d) Congregation organized March 22, 1910.

ILLINOIS

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions														
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Staunton		Matthew Williamson, Staunton, Ill	2	2	---	5	17	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	3	---	269	278
St. Louis	McLeod M. Pearce	4631 West Bell Ave., St. Louis, Mo	5	3	5	7	41	3½	60	15	60	25	10	8	0	4	4	---	13	13	2	5	1300	1208	2662
Church Hill	W. S Fulton	Coulterville, Illinois	3	6	2	2	59	---	37	20	43	6	17	35	---	---	---	57	2	---	---	---	350	99	609
Princeton		Chas. McElhinney, Princeton, Ind	5	6	---	6	59½	1	50½	12½	160	64	84	60	58	32	25	184½	82	32	13	13	175a	361	30 8
Bethel		J E. Wilson, Sparta, Ill	4	3	2	4	69	---	63	25	116	106	27	48	46	11	17	13	16	12	5	9	400a†	310	1136
Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union St., Selma, Alabama	3	5	3	20	82	†2	165	25	5	10	---	4	---	---	---	1	5	4	---	---	328	407	764
Bloomington	G Renwick Steele	408 S. Hurdeson St , Bloomington, Ind	5	4	4	7	107	2	150	25	173	73	116	35	23	15	13	43	25	29	5	8	833	43	1878
Old Bethel	D C. Mathews	Houston, Illinois	7	7	8	8	113	---	80	---	106	76	120	45	70	19	27	25	31	34	3	6	† 60	557	1719
Oakdale	M A. Gault	Oakdale, Illinois	7	5	5	2	171	4	260	30	75	108	15	48	36	57	12	10	17	10	5	4	800	224	1421
	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Illinois	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	G W. Benn	19 Lancaster Ave., Dallas, Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregation 9	No. Ministers 8	Totals.	41	41	29	61	718	13	805	152	738	469	389	287	243	138	88	2048	191	134	35	48	5786	3871	13475

½ 1 Adult, † Estimated. † Past year. (a) Manses.

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Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Chicago		J. C MCcandless, 6536 Ingleside Ave	5	3	5	1	50	---	83	---	142	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1955	209
Hickory Grove			2	2	---	2	18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	294	29
Hopkinton	S. Turner Foster	Hopkinton, Iowa	7	4	2	8	93	10	40	20	170	50	40	35	26	12	18	14	66	21	12	3	1000	844	232
Lake Reno		J. K. Elsey, Glenwood, Minn , R. D. 1	3	4	---	---	85	---	50	---	67	24	38	21	31	9	4	---	17	---	8	---	532	130	88
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	5	3	7	11	156	---	125	29	123	147	375	194	277	51	55	47	120	60	21	34	1150	703	385
Reboboth	Geo. A. Edgar	Wyman, Iowa	3	2	2	3	33	1	24	---	167	43	38	49	43	8	10	4	22	7	4	6	725	150	127
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	Morning Sun, Iowa, R D 2	5	4	6	7	178	8	178	60	787	177	153	171	207	62	46	2584	102	65	11	18	1000	1280	666
Vernon		E J. Dewey, Mukwonago, Wis., R D 40	2	3	---	---	35	---	---	57	38	17	16	11	12	9	7	8	9	9	3	5	---	361	50
Washington	S. E. Greer	430 E Madison St., Washington, Ia	2	3	8	3	62	a3	48	17	159	96	12	20	28	4	4	6	20	7	1	3	615	372	134
---	J. M. Littlejohn	Chicago	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	W. M Robb		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Robt. E. Wilson	Mersine, Asia Minor	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregations 9	No. of Ministers 8	Totals,	34	28	30	45	710	22	548	183	2162	554	678	501	624	501	155	144	2663	356	169	60	5022	6089	1924

(a) Two (2) Adults

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

St. John N B	D. Bruce Elsey	91 Spring St., St. John, N. B	2	---	3	1	30	---	15	8	30	7	10	2	---	4	---	2	3	3	---	---	435	667	140
Barnesville	Jas. McCune	Barnesville, N B	2	9	1	1	24	1	30	---	5	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	173	30	28
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	---	1	4	59	---	30	---	78	30	75	20	18	4	7	---	3	5	4	4	400	86	73
No. of Congregations 3	No. of Ministers 3	Totals,	6	6	5	6	113	1	75	8	113	37	95	22	18	8	7	2	6	8	4	4	1008	1083	241

KANSAS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Beulah	James T Mitchell	Bostwick, Nebraska R. F. D.	4	2	5	3	92	5	70	20	47	56	36	11	41	9	7	8	10	16	---	8	700	676	1627
Billings	H G Foster	Billings, Okla.	4	3	18	2	73	5	87	45	19	12	8	---	10	---	3	6	5	9	---	3	529	338	912
Cache Creek	W. Carithers (S.S.)	Apache, Okla.	6	4	10	9	100	a12	345	---	304	220	120	50	260	25	40	20	---	40	---	40	---	127	1246
Clarinda	b H McConaughy	Clarinda, Iowa	6	4	1	16	123	6	154	16	414	51	228	31	48	23	19	18	27	38	---	17	900	667	2481
Denison	D. H Elliott	Denison, Kansas	5	4	1	6	106	c10	125	25	197	185	105	75	109	106	15	15	69	50	---	15	800	525	2266
Eskridge	W. A. Aiken	Eskridge Kansas	5	3	4	5	90	2	106	20	129	90	18	46	53	2	7	12	28	8	---	8	460	492	1347
Hebron	J. R W. Stevenson	Idana, Kan. R. D.	2	2	2	1	48	3	60	16	56	28	34	8	11	6	6	43	18	14	---	5	291	384	903
Holmwood	----------	B. W. McMahon, Mankato, Kas. R. D.	3	1	0	7	11	6	28	---	19	4	3	7	7	4	4	2	3	8	---	3	215	5	284
Kansas City	Elmer Russell	Kansas City, Mo. 3944 W. Prospect	6	3	14	8	68	---	50	15	68	23	25	10	15	7	8	567	20	19	---	9	591	195	1557
Long Branch	J M. Johnson	Blanchard, Iowa	5	5	8	5	98	c 7	67	---	73	42	25	18	34	17	13	12	12	17	---	10	800	319	1392
Olathe	E. L McKnight	Olathe, Kansas	5	7	12	34	156	c 6	177	33	364	303	244	207	219	34	46	375	166	55	---	26	900	1190	4129
Quinter	J. G McElhinney	Quinter Kansas	6	6	27	9	110	4	100	40	58	17	10	17	11	9	19	6	---	20	---	13	800	1350	2 30
Sterling	J Boggs Dodds	Sterling, Kansas	7	7	34	2	148	c 6	146	100	390	140	100	57	27	23	32	9	98	30	---	14	1000	917	2837
Superior	----------	W. J. Elliott, Superior	8	¥	---	6	51	2	54	10	47	26	21	1	15	9	6	5	7	11	---	12	600	200	974
Tabor	O. F. Thompson	Miltonvale, Kansas, R. D. No 4	3	3	7	11	53	---	40	---	15	9	21	18	16	7	4	3	5	12	---	7	600	194	911
Topeka	A. A. Samson	922 Clay Street, Topeka Kansas	5	---	15	1	68	3	86	12	63	50	68	23	35	9	11	752	46	14	---	17	⅔500	232	1820
Wahoo	----------	S H. Carlisle, Wahoo, Nebr	2	1	---	2	25	---	21	---	13	16	8	---	---	3	---	---	---	47	---	---	98	149	287
Winchester	F. M. Wilson	Winchester, Kansas	11	7	8	18	200	5	100	50	401	406	102	55	135	20	40	25	100	---	---	18	905	238	4652
Lieb (M. S.)	J. R. Wylie (S. S.)	Lieb, Hutchinson Co,, Texas	---	---	---	---	16	1	30	---	17	---	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	160	155	352
---	A J. McFarland	Latakia Syria	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	G. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kansas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Isaiah Faris	Denison, Kansas, R. F. D.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	D. H. Coulter	11th and Lane Street, Topeka, Kansas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kansas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Wm. C. Paden	Clay Center, Kansas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	W. T. K. Thompson	Carnonsburg, Pa , R. F D., No. 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	J. D Edgar	Larnaca, Cyprus	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregations 18 and one Miss. Station	No. of Ministers 24	Totals,	88	64	166	145	1636	83	1799	402	2694	1688	1196	642	1046	313	280	1878	614	408		225	10849	10473	32306

[a] Adults 3. [b] Pastor elect. [c] Adults 1. ⅔ Manses.

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CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D, 4, Groton, Vt	4	2	---	1	59	---	79	---	131	42	51	25	26	10	17	8	54	18	15	---	665	104	1166
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher	40 Dana St, Cambridge, Mass	6	4	3	13	217	3	100	35	100	35	---	---	---	---	---	992	40	---	---	---	1800	424	3191
Second Boston	J. M Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston Mass	4	6	4	11	63	2	60	---	110	10	5	22	2	2	3	200	150	25	2	3	800	900	2234
Bovina	W. G. Robb	Bovina Center, Del Co., N. Y	5	4	3	4	67	---	60	---	68	20	39	19	23	8	14	6	13	17	6	6	800	288	1327
Brooklyn	(c)		4	2	1	5	39	1	23	---	361	68	54	23	27	22	18	9	36	18	7	11	b 1150	476	2280
Cambridge	R. C. Reed	26 School St., Somerville, Mass	4	4	18	3	55	2	120	36	77	25	60	10	10	---	---	8	23	---	---	---	800	430	1443
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Walden, N. Y	3	3	4	2	53	1	40	---	23	5	5	6	8	---	---	2	10	6	4	---	450	480	999
Craftsbury	(d)		i 2	---	---	---	9	---	16	---	1	12	5	5	5	1	---	---	2	---	---	---	140	---	171
Montclair	(e)		2	3	2	---	15	1	17	---	20	6	14	6	7	3	5	2	9	5	4	3	170	673	925
First Newburgh	John W. F. arlisle	Newburg, N. Y	4	3	10	6	173	a1	110	70	272	145	31	71	43	29	---	200	24	---	---	---	1500	700	3015
Second "	J. R. Thompson	Newburg, N. Y	i 3	4	11	11	150	4	100	---	50	25	50	---	---	---	---	100	25	---	---	---	1200	600	2050
Sec'nd New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 West 56th St., New York	10	8	2	18	211	3	97	25	1469	310	107	88	62	20	21	21	238	---	33	---	3000	2195	7564
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 West 29th St, New York	5	8	16	26	161	3	145	---	318	138	45	26	27	22	20	1329	15	54	11	13	2500	2254	6772
Fourth New York	(f)		i 3	4	---	1	60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1046	---	---	---	---	---	1583	2629
Ryegate	(g)		2	1	---	---	17	---	---	---	24	12	18	11	12	8	4	---	10	5	2	---	59	33	198
Walton	(h)		6	5	---	10	90	1	80	12	156	153	95	68	23	10	20	16	21	19	9	14	730	515	1850
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y	3	2	9	4	33	---	32	---	35	7	5	3	5	11	3	13	3	4	2	3	300	120	514
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y	4	2	2	3	59	a 1	50	---	41	24	25	15	16	10	12	6	---	13	10	10	650	243	1074
---	A. I Robb		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Julius Kempf		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	T. A. Rusk		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	W. M George		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Walter McCarroll		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregations 18	No. of Ministers 17	Totals.	74	65	85	118	1541	23	1038	178	3256	1037	610	398	296	156	137	3758	673	184	104	62	16714	12018	39403

[a] One Adult. [b] For 11½ months [c] Samuel Carmichael, 322 Madison St., Brooklyn. [d] James Anderson, East Craftsbury, Vt, [e] A J Harding. 84 Greenwood Ave, Montclair N. J. [f] Robert McAffee, 55 Ann St., New York. [g] R H. Gates, South Ryegate, Vt [h] B. M. Thomson, Walton, N, Y. [j] From last year's report.

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											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Belle Center	S. R. Wallace	Belle Center, Ohio	3	3	---	---	31	1	32	15	155	16	44	1	---	---	2	40	---	5	---	---	425	158	846
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	North Park St., Bellefontaine, Ohio	3	---	---	1	35	---	25	---	23	10	15	7	9	4	5	5	5	8	5	2	350	141	589
† Cedar Lake	D. S Mitchell. Montgomery, Mich. (R. D)		5	4	13	8	126	s 3	168	25	121	43	21	29	30	5	3	---	32	6	4	---	700	317	1311
Cedarville	W. J Sanderson	Cedarville, Ohio	3	2	---	1	46	1	30	8	40	16	28	15	17	8	13	3	14	9	8	---	450	40	661
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	424 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, Ohio	3	4	2	4	57	---	13	20	40	39	16	13	19	4	11	32	14	11	3	5	1000	423	1629
Fairgrove	W. J. McBurney	Fairgrove, Mich	4	3	2	2	30	2	40	---	19	23	36	---	---	---	6	5	13	11	---	---	311	133	557
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	Hetherton, Michigan	6	3	---	4	52	5	75	27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	350	180	530
Jonathan's Creek	R. W. Piper	White Cottage, Ohio	3	2	---	2	38	---	40	---	60	19	30	9	13	5	7	7	16	7	5	13	500	206	897
Londonderry	------	T. J. Blackwood, Quaker City, Ohio	2	---	---	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, Ohio	4	4	3	6	81	---	55	20	34	60	18	17	21	5	11	107	15	12	2	4	800	310	1416
Southfield	----------	A. M. Cannon, Birmingham, Mich	4	5	6	3	76	1	50	---	59	24	29	9	3	8	8	4	13	18	7	---	538	357	1077
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Bellefontaine, Ohio, R. D 4	7	4	11	8	140	3	128	56	122	74	53	24	63	16	18	13	43	16	5	10	800	204	1461
Utica	J. G. Reed	Utica, Ohio	5	3	4	2	76	2	50	20	177	96	31	104	17	6	6	312	156	22	---	---	b 600	977	2504
Muskingum & Tomica	(Mission Station)	John Robinson Dresden, Ohio	1	---	---	3	7	---	---	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	---	---	5	1	---	---	---	20	32
---	R A Blair	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	Louis Meyer	402 Carmalt St., Cincinnati, Ohio	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	E. C. Mitchell	Tak King Chau, West River, S China	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	H. G. Patterson	Southfield, Michigan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
---	C. M. Smith	814 Rose St., McKees Rocks, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregations 13	No. of Ministers 15	Totals.	53	34	41	45	819	18	823	191	851	421	322	229	193	62	90	528	325	126	29	34	6824	3466	13510

† Up to April 1st, 1910. (s) Adults (b) For nine months.

PITTSBURGH

Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions														
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Adamsville-Middleto'n	------	R. J. McCracken, West Sunbury, R. D. 2	2	---	---	10	22	---	18	---	10	---	4	---	3	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	180	20	220
Allegheny	W. J Coleman	1205 Boyle St., Allegheny	6	---	1	14	134	2	203	25	684	147	352	114	383	143	211	101	128	125	65	---	2000	1311	5774
Bear Run-Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	5	---	1	1	52	---	---	---	40	16	12	12	10	---	8	9	21	10	2	7	500	187	831
1st Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	2514 7th Ave., Beaver Falls	6	4	6	8	114	11	290	55	60	45	15	29	33	10	9	1	3	10	4	6	1000	731	1956
Brookland	P. P. Boyd	5500 Hays St., Pittsburg	2	2	2	5	24	1	34	---	18	---	10	4	5	---	3	---	5	---	3	---	200	60	308
Cent. Allegheny	John Yates	411 Penn Building, Pittsburg	5	---	---	---	161	3	200	75	170	71	388	18	45	30	1	3	---	---	---	---	2000	1352	4078
Clarksburg	------	Robert Henry, Saltsburg Pa., R. D. No. 1	2	2	---	1	17	1	---	---	15	7	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	120	15	172
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls	6	5	47	5	176	11	245	75	522	363	107	78	83	19	11	306	367	35	20	---	1220	1444	4575
Geneva	J. C. Slater	College Hill, Beaver Falls	3	4	4	24	80	1	143	15	86	33	20	10	41	18	1	1	1	2	1	1	119	1255	1589
East End	D. C. Martin	401 N Highland Ave., Pittsburgh	3	4	---	---	76	6	---	---	188	157	86	37	88	28	32	32	94	23	16	---	10 0	523	2305
Little Beaver	J. R Wylie	New Galilee	4	4	---	2	65	1	50	---	62	17	30	12	23	9	11	8	63	13	6	†	605	211	1070
McKeesp't-Mononga'la	------	David Finney, Glassport, Pa	4	---	1	1	51	---	19	---	25	11	13	7	20	3	11	36	25	10	2	6	500	223	895
Mercer	J. M. Coleman	Mercer, Pa	3	4	1	5	60	3	30	---	37	42	60	22	48	11	16	4	35	62	12	---	600	404	1353
Miller's Run	S. G. Connor	Canonsburg, Pa., R D. 2	3	---	1	---	54	1	60	---	265	113	126	93	137	14	31	11	63	58	9	14	800	184	1918
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	7	4	4	3	121	---	117	---	137	97	53	87	74	26	31	157	42	42	24	---	900	625	2605
New Castle	S. J Johnston	69 Oak Ave., New Castle	5	9	13	20	191	4	20	50	98	38	121	57	43	29	12	253	20	19	7	6	120	1720	2546
North Union	P. C Boyd	5500 Hays St., Pittsburgh	4	---	---	---	31	3	---	---	11	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	300	113	434
Oil Creek	S. J Crowe	New Castle	2	2	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	50	---	5	5	150	80	300
Pine Creek	A. Kirkpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	---	---	1	16	---	26	---	21	7	22	9	11	4	7	---	9	5	4	3	225	73	403
Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell	4	---	---	7	30	4	10	---	11	8	5	4	---	---	---	162	3	---	---	4	200	2	339
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	3	4	2	2	61	2	60	---	97	19	26	16	16	9	8	7	12	3	2	5	412	189	821
Parnassus	------	------	4	4	2	1	64	1	95	18	106	40	31	31	63	35	6	17	64	---	12	---	750	779	1924
Pittsburgh	T. H. Acheson	8 Lafayette Ave., Allegheny	5	7	7	6	185	4	12	60	529	116	40	47	291	34	30	---	484	2	5	---	2000	4721	8299
Slippery Rock	W O. Ferguson	Rose Point	1	3	---	---	77	4	75	20	17	17	3	---	10	8	---	67	4	3	3	†	450	331	1013
Wilkinsburg	R. J. G McKnight	823 Rebecca Ave., Wilkinsburg	4	---	6	12	126	2	138	62	248	88	216	146	321	100	55	58	164	57	27	28	a 650	2294	4452
Youngstown	A A. Wylie	159 Falls Ave., Youngstown, Ohio	4	4	9	6	48	1	120	20	28	27	15	1	22	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	$500	231	825

PITTSBURGH (Contiuned)

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
----------	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	T. J Allen	Beaver Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	J. F. Crozier	" "	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	A. C. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	R. J. Dodds	Leechburg, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	H. H. George	" "	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	R. J George	842 Lincoln Avenue, Allegheny	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	W. H. George	Beaver Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	W. P. Johnston	Mercer, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	Geo Kennedy	Beaver Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	J. S Martin	" "	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	J L McCartney	" "	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	A. A McElwain	Rose Point, Pa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	T. J. McFarland	Beaver Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	W. J. McKnight	Syracus, N. Y	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	B M. Sharp	411 Penn Building, Pittsburgh	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
----------	T. C. Sproul	7371 Monticello St., Pittsburgh	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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----------	R. C. Wylie	100 Lafayette Ave, Allegheny	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. of Congregation 26	No. of Ministers 41	Totals,	101	66	107	134	2043	61	2366	473	3788	1487	1763	844	1771	520	495	1273	1672	479	239	85	17511	16078	51005

† Manse. (a) 5½ Months.

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Congregations	Ministers	Address	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions													
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
1st Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	4502 Kingsessing Ave., Philadelphia, Pa	4	4	18	13	163	3	90	50	175	500	50	25	25	20	20	2000	65	12	4	8	1600	1983	6
2nd Philadelphia	J. O. McFeeters	64 North 22nd. St., Philadelphia, Pa	5	0	10	20	178	5	112	20	945	83	155	61	45	29	31	94	74	34	8	14	2000	1499	5
3rd Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa	7	4	6	4	167	2	180	45	732	1076	186	70	105	53	24	1246	351	18	15	25	2000	6812	12
	E. J. Feuersohn	800 South 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa																							
No. of Congregations 3	No. of Ministers 4	Totals,	16	8	29	37	510	10	382	115	1852	1659	391	156	175	102	75	3340	490	64	27	47	5600	10294	24

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Almonte	G. M. Robb	Almonte, Ontario	4	4	2		66	2	60		113	47	44	23	24	14	15	12		18	6	10	‡ 700	584	16
Lisbon	W. C. McClurkin	Ogdensburg, N. Y., R. F. D., No. 1	2	1		2	31	1	20		4	7	5	3	6	5	3			5	1	2		315	23
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Brodie, Ontario	3	3		1	29		20		62	38	46	24	19	13	7	10	1	25	5	9	† 500	104	8
Sterling, M. S.							9				20		5	5	5		10		5	10	5			35	1
Syracuse		James Park, 224 E. Wash. St., Syracus, N. Y.	3	3	3	1	69	2	61	47	158	66	96	37	21	11	26	14	12	10	8	4	700	438	15
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y. (Livingstone Co.)	5		3	3	82		77	27	92	38	36	23	25	15	16	9	21	14	5	4	† 800	639	17
	Wm. McFarland	204 W. Lafayette Ave., Syracuse N. Y.																							
No. of Congregations 5	No. of Ministers 6	Totals,	17	11	8	7	286	5	238	74	449	196	32	115	100	58	77	45	39	82	25	29	2700	2108	62

‡ And Manse. † Including Manse.

SUMMARY

Presbyteries	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Attendance	Contributions														
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	2	6	6	5	6	113	1	75	8	113	37	95	22	18	8	7	2	6	8	4	4	1008	1083	2415
Iowa	9	8	34	28	30	45	710	22	548	183	2162	554	678	501	624	155	144	2663	356	169	60	69	5022	6089	19246
Kansas	18	24	88	64	166	145	1636	83	1799	402	2691	1688	1196	642	1096	313	280	1878	614	408	------	225	10849	10473	32306
Pittsburgh	26	41	101	66	107	134	2043	61	2366	475	3788	1487	1763	844	1771	520	495	1273	1672	479	239	85	17511	19078	52005
Ohio	13	15	53	34	41	45	819	18	823	191	851	421	322	229	193	62	90	528	325	126	29	34	6824	3466	13510
Colorado	8	10	30	30	96	34	586	16	650	227	598	845	335	143	141	70	74	1369	287	75	33	45	6506	5041	15662
Philadelphia	3	4	16	8	29	37	510	10	382	115	1852	1659	391	156	175	102	75	3340	490	64	27	47	5600	10294	24272
Rochester	5	6	17	11	8	7	286	5	238	74	449	196	232	115	100	58	77	45	39	82	25	29	2700	21088	6255
New York	18	17	74	65	285	118	1541	23	1138	178	3256	1037	610	898	296	156	137	3758	673	184	104	62	16714	12018	39403
Illinois	9	8	41	41	26	61	718	13	805	152	738	469	389	28	243	138	98	2048	191	134	35	48	5786	3871	14475
Syrian Mission	2	1	----	----	----	15	371	----	713	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Mission in China	1	----	7	5	26	4	122	20	65	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Totals,	115	136	467	358	644	651	9455	272	9602	2005	16501	8393	6011	3337	4607	1582	1477	16904	4653	1729	556	648	78520	73521	218549

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